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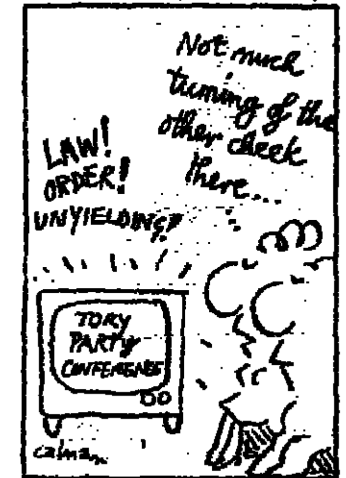
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Scargill is one party's hero, another party's villain

Police will not buckle nor the Government crack, says Brittan

● Mr Arthur Scargill became the arch-villain at the Conservative conference in Brighton yesterday. The miners' were attacking the rule of law, said Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary

● The miners' strike could be the last battle in the attempt to break the union "shackles" on Britain, Mr Norman Tebbit told a fringe meeting

● Mr Brittan also announced new measures to speed up justice, safeguard the independence of chief constables and provide more money to police the pit dispute

● A leading moderate on the mine-workers' executive, Mr Ray Ottey, quit the post in protest at Mr Scargill's attitude to the law

From Julian Haviland, Political Editor, Brighton

The hero of the Labour Party conference, Mr Arthur Scargill, was yesterday made the arch-villain of the Conservative Party conference, when ministers indicted him as revolutionary whose only real purpose was to destroy the rule of law. There was not a dissenting voice.

The conference, on its opening day at Brighton, acclaimed both Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, and Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, for speeches, the one on policing, the other on energy, of which the climatic passages, targeted on the miners' leader, might have come from the same pen.

Neither minister allowed Mr Scargill or his cause any legitimacy, either political or industrial.

Mr Brittan told the conference that the coal dipute was not an industrial dispute at all. It was not an attack on the National Coal Board or even on the Government, but on the rule of law itself.

The miners' leaders had not concealed their intentions. They did not recognize the law. They were out not to win a dispute but to win power for the bully, power to turn the country into "a poor, shabby, shoddy look-alike of the Eastern block states they so admired".

But Mr Brittan promised that the police would not buckle nor the Government crack. The right of people to go to their jobs would be defended, the cowards who intimidated women and children would be brought to book. "Those who take on the law of the land take on the British people, and in them they will meet their match", he said.

The Home Secretary pleased his party by announcing practical measures of support for the police. Any police authority incurring expenditure for policing the dispute beyond three-quarters of the product of a penny rate would be reimbursed in full by the Exchequer for however long the dispute might last.

Under the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, there would be a new independent check against any attempt by a police authority to suspend a chief constable. Mr Brittan also announced the appointment of more stipendiary magistrates to help clear the backlog of criminal cases arising from the dispute.

He went out of his way to counter the repeated accusations heard at the Labour Party conference at Blackpool last week that the police were the tool of the Government or at least being used for party political ends. The police were not enforcing his orders, he said. They were not the agents of the Government but of the community.

Mr Walker said of Mr Scargill that his interest lay in the conflict. His only demand was one which no NUM leader had made before and no Labour government had ever thought about, and every pit must be kept going until all its coal was exhausted, no matter what the price of producing it.

The strike had no possible industrial justification. It had everything to do with the Marxist challenge to parliamentary democracy.

"We are facing a challenge to our whole way of life", he said, adding that the Government would not sacrifice the struggle of "brave, decent, working miners for the sake of an easy compromise. We will not forfeit the right to govern."

The platform had all the support it could have wanted from the floor. One working miner from Cannock and former Conservative paliamentary candidate, Mr Patrick McLouglin, was cheered when he said that he would continue to cross the picket line in spite of threatening telephone calls, because he was a supporter of democracy.

The conference showed no sympathy with the misgivings of either the Archbishop of Canterbury or the Bishop of Durham. Mr Walker said that the choice between efficiency or compassion, raised by the Archbishop in his interview with *The Times*, was one where the Tory party had constantly sought a balance.



Mr Leon Brittan yesterday: Coal dispute 'an attack on the rule of law itself' (Photograph: John Manning).

Ponting to stand trial on secrets charges

By Stewart Tendler, Crime Reporter

Clive Ponting, the senior civil servant accused of leaking papers on the sinking of the General Belgrano during the Falklands conflict in 1982, told the police he sent the documents to an MP, because ministers wanted to protect themselves politically and would not answer legitimate questions, Bow Street magistrates in London were told yesterday.

The statement was read out when Mr Ponting, aged 38, and an assistant secretary at the Ministry of Defence, was committed for trial at the Central Criminal Court accused of a breach of Section 2 of the Official Secrets Act. He is alleged to have sent two papers to Mr Tam Dalyell, Labour MP for Linlithgow, last July.

Mr David Hopkin, the chief stipendiary magistrate, was told that after questioning by Ministry of Defence detectives Mr Ponting was cautioned and said of the leaks: "I did this because I believe that ministers were not prepared to answer legitimate questions from an MP about a matter of considerable public concern simply in order to protect their own political position."

At the beginning of the committal proceedings, the court was told that revelation of the two documents had not damaged national security. Reporting restrictions were lifted.

Mr Roy Amlot, for the prosecution, said one was a memorandum from Mr Legg, representing a division in the Ministry of Defence on rules of engagememnt against Argentina in the South Atlantic.

The paper was addressed to Mr John Stanley, Minister for the Armed Forces, and was classified as confidential. The court was told that the memorandum, included an appendix with a draft memorandum for the House of Commons Foreign Affairs Committee on changes in the rules. The appendix, amended by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, was given to the committee.

The second document sent to Mr Dalyell was a draft of answers to questions Mr Dalyell had himself submitted. The replies were drafted by Mr Ponting as head of a division dealing with naval matters.

Mr Amlot said the draft dealt with the Belgrano's movements, the type of weapon used, messages between the submarine, Conqueror, and Britain. But Mr Ponting had not received permission to pass on information and was "in breach of the confidence in him as a Crown servant".

Mr Dalyell had written to press for answers to questions

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Mr Ponting yesterday: "Legitimate questions"

Money supply increase delays base-rate cut

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent

Hopes of a cut in bank base rates to coincide with the Conservative Party conference were dashed yesterday with the announcement of a large increase in money supply last month, and renewed dollar strength against sterling.

There was a rise of 1¼-1½ per cent in the sterling M3 measure of money during the Septmember banking month, the Bank of England said. This compared with a 0.7 per cent increase in August and a 1 per cent fall in July.

The rise took growth since the start of the current target period in February to an annualized 10 per cent, at the top of the official 6 to 10 per cent target range.

City economists said the figures were "disappointing", and would probably delay any base rate cut until later this month.

The main feature of the figure was a £1.5 billion rise in bank lending, up £500m on the average for recent months. However, there were distortions arising from "round-tripping," which occurred as companies switched funds between overdrafts and bill finance, and reporting discrepancies, which produced a positive interbank item of about £500m.

Share prices fell back on news of the money supply figures, and interest rates in the money markets rose. The three-month interbank rate, a key determinant of clearng bank base rates, rose ⅛ on the day to 10⅜-10½.

As well as the disappointing money supply figures, the dollar rose yesterday, notably against the Deutsche mark, recording a three pfennig rise to DM3.0855. Sterling lost 70 points against the dollar to close at $1.2290

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More cash pledged for policing strike

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

New measures to speed up justice, safeguard the independence of chief constables and provide more government money for policing the miners' dispute were announced yesterday by Mr Leon Brittan, the Home Secretary, in the course of a strong attack on the striking miners' leaders.

He told the Conservative Party conference in Brighton that the "Scargill game plan" was to buckle the police and crack the Government to impose Eastern block socialism on Britain. "That is not going to happen."

The Home Secretary set a new and firm limit on the amount that any police authority will have to find from the rates for policing costs arising from the miners' strike.

They will have to contribute no more than three-quarters of the product of a penny rate, which is described by the Home Office as far more generous than the arrangement so far announced. Beyond that, any extra costs incurred in policing the dispute, however long it lasts, will be met in full by the Exchequer

Mr Brittan said yesterday he was also acting to secure the independence of chief constables. He told the conference that the dispute had shown that they needed further protection against politically motivated acts of spite. Using powers in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill, he would provide a new and politically independent check against any attempt by a police authority to suspend its chief constable. Under the new proposals any such decision will be subject to ratification by the independent police complaints authority.

Mr Brittan announced that proposals are to be introduced for statutory time limits on the period from arrest to the beginning of trial in criminal proceedins. A clash of opinion with Lord Hailsham of St Marylebone, the Lord Chancellor, was being played down yesterday. Lord Hailsham told the home affairs select committee on April 4: "I myself would not favour a statutory time limit."

Instead, Mr Brittan is following the select committee's recommendation in June that the Government should commit itself in principle to the introduction of time limits on the period from arrest to trial.

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Pit dispute may end in breaking union shackles, says Tebbit

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Norman Tebbit said last night that the pit strike could be "the last battle" in the attempt to break the union "shackles" on Britain.

In a personal manifesto for the 1990s, the man most widely tipped as the Conservative leader presented a package of policies which will disturb a number of Cabinet colleagues, and anger his political opponents.

The Secretary of State for Trade and Industry told a Conservative conference fringe meeting in Brighton that the way to cut the prison population was to increase rather than reduce prison sentences.

He also said that he would like to see the Rent Acts reformed to give greater competition between rented housing and owner occupation; that the National Health Service should become the safety net for those who could not afford adequate private health insurance; and the privatization would give Britain the smallest state-controlled sector, rather than the largest, in the Western world.

But the most marked ingredient in Mr Tebbit's "stimulating brew" was his analysis of the trade unions into the 1990s.

He said that it was not enough to switch resources away from house purchase to equity investment, it was not enough to gear educations to the market place and it was not enough to provide tax advantages for investment.

"Unless the ball and chain, the irons and the handcuffs of traditional trades union attitudes are struck off", he said, "we will continue to be handicapped in the race for markets, customers, orders and jobs.

"Now I am hopeful. Perhaps, during the violence and damage of the coal strike, that is a bold statement.

"I'll say nothing of the British Steel Corporation, nor collapsing dock strikes, nor anything about the coal strike, except that in my view, it may well be the last of its kind.

"It may well be the last battle in the struggle between, not Tory governments and working people, but between working peoplea nd unrepresentative, politically-motivated, self-interested trade union leaders."

Mr Tebbit said that privatiozation could help that process by breaking up nationalized industries and devolving decision-making and negotiation to the place of work.

He said his vision of the future included a richer Britain with lower personal taxes and, "the biggest question", a fall in unemployment.

On the issue of crime, Mr Tebbit said: "It happens to be my personal belief that long sentences with their deterrent effect tend to lessen prison populations whereas short sentences, with less deterrent effect, can tend to increase prison populations and lead to calls for even shorter sentences, and so on *ad infinitum*.

"For example, I don't believe that the sexual drive of men is greater than it was 50 years ago.

"But the crime of rape has become a great deal more common, as the public's perception of a likely sentence has changed from a likely sentence of penal servitude for life to a likely sentence of some months in an open prison."

On the National Health Service, Mr Tebbit said: "I believe a natural consequence of higher personal disposal of incomes should be a willingness to spend more of one's own income on medical services."

NUM moderate resigns over defiance of law

By Paul Routledge, Labour Editor

A leading moderate resigned from the executive of the Natioal Union of Mineworkers yesterday, the eve of a critical High Court hearing, in protest at his union's attitude towards the law.

Mr Roy Ottey, aged 59, secretary of the Midlands craftsmen section of the NUM, said: "I am not prepared to break the law."

His action came hours before Mr Justice Nicholls gives judgment in the High Court this morning on applications for committal proceedings brought by two "dissident" Yorkshire miners against five miners' leaders, who have defied court orders that the strike is unofficial, and that men must not be discouraged from crossing picket lines.

Mr Ottey a leading right-wing member of the executive for the past 18 years, is due to retire in four weeks. Ironically, he will be replaced by Mr Robert MacSporran, a well-known left-winger, who will tip the balance even further in support of Mr Scargill's confrontationist policies.

Mr Ottey was present at NUM executive meetings in Blackpool last week when union leaders unanimously agreed to defy the High Court, and is said to be a party to the declaration not to obey the Nicholls judgment that effectively renders the strike unlawful.

Today's High Court hearing takes place on the eve of renewed peace talks between the NUM and the coal board, which are likely to bring in Nacods, the pit deputies union, and BACM, the colliery managers' organization.

Mr James Cowan, deputy chairman of the NCB, last night formally denied a report in yesterday's *The Times* that Mr Ned Smith, the board's director-general of industrial relations, had been suspended from his duties. "The board look forward to him making a full recovery from his painful illness for which he is receiving treatment. They hope to see him back at work soon – and if possible in time for Thursday's meeting with the NUM at Acas," he said.

The statement was greeted with some risibility in sections of coal board headquarters, where speculation is rife that Mr Smith had been relieved of his responsibilities, at least for the duration of his illness. This version of events was officially confirmed to *The Times*

Copy of father's crash

Gina Campbell brush with death

By Peter Davenport

In a carbon copy of the accident that killed her father, Miss Gina Campbell narrowly escaped death yesterday as she celebrated setting a world water-speed record.

Her 500hp boat, Agfa Bluebird II, rose in the air at almost 140mph, flipped over backwards and smashed to bits at the National Water Sports Centre, Holmepierrepoint, Nottingham.

Miss Campbell, aged 34, who was driving with her father Donald's lucky teddy-bear mascot, Mr Whoppit, fastened to her boat, was thrown clear. She was pulled from the water by the crew of a rescue boat, dazed and shaken, but unhurt.

Back on shore, she said: "When we launched the boat at the weekend someone asked me if I was worried about an accident like the one which killed my father. I said that lightning didn't strike twice. How wrong can you be?"

"When the boat took off from the water like a Concorde and then flipped backwards, I said to myself: 'Father, here I come'.

"I am very, very lucky to be alive, but strangely, at the time I didn't think I was actually going to die. Everything seemed to happen in slow motion and when I landed in the water I just thought: 'Well, I'm not dead'."



Miss Campbell with teddy-bear mascots, one of which was with her father when he crashed, and with her yesterday.

Donald Campbell was killed in 1967 when his Bluebird boat performed an identical backflip while chasing a world record. His body was never recovered.

A film of the accident is one of the most famous television sequences in the world and one that Miss Campbell has seen many times.

Miss Campbell's accident yesterday happened after she had taken her sponsored £50,000 Formula I boat to the water sports centre for a week of preparation for an attempt on the women's speed record to be made at Windermere, in the Lake District, next week. The record stood at 116mph.

After a morning of practice sessions, the weather became perfect and it was decided to make a record attempt, as official timekeepers were there.

Over the measured kilometre, after two runs, the boat recorded an average of 124.85mph, a record. Then,

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The miners' dispute

Rebel miner on way to work battered by hooded gang

From Peter Davenport
Barnsley

A lone Yorkshire miner breaking the solid support for the coal strike at Mr Arthur Scargill's former pit was beaten by a gang of hooded men on his way to work yesterday.

Mr Tony Haller, a surface worker, aged 40, was repeatedly kicked and punched. He suffered injuries to his chest and back, cuts to his eyes and lips and a suspected broken nose.

A National Coal Board official said: "This kind of incident bears no relationship to picketing in any possible way. It is the kind of thing preventing many other miners in Yorkshire from returning to work.

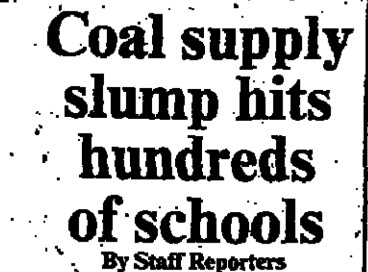
"It is IRA-style intimidation by masked men and should be condemned by all right-thinking people, including the NUM."

Mr Haller, of Arncliffe Drive, Barnsley, South Yorkshire, became the target of strikers' anger when he returned to work at Woolley colliery, near Barnsley, last week, the only man among the 1,600 employed there to break the strike.

He worked for four days last week, sometimes defying 1,000 pickets massed at the pit gates, and clocked on again on Monday.

Yesterday, soon after 6 am, he left his home to walk to a rendezvous point with a coal board van which was to take him to the colliery. Fifteen minutes later a gang of between seven and nine men, at least four wearing balaclava-style hoods, ambushed him.

"I saw them come towards me and then ... bang. I was hit about three times and I went down. I felt as if elephants were walking all over me as they carried on punching and kicking.



Mr Haller after his release from hospital

"They were calling me 'scab' and said: 'We warned you' as they kept on kicking me", Mr Haller said, after he was released from Barnsley General Hospital.

In the sitting room of his council house, a blanket draped round his shoulders, he said: "Luckily for me a man who walks that way every morning saw what was happening and the men ran away. It would have been worse if he had not come along. They could have killed me.

"They may have put a little dent in my spirit but they haven't broken me. It isn't going to stop me. I am more determined than ever to go back to work."

Mr Haller, married with a daughter, aged nine, plans to return to work when he has recovered from his injuries.

Coal supply slump hits hundreds of schools

By Staff Reporters

Hundreds of schools face the threat of closure because dwindling coal supplies mean they will be unable to heat classrooms.

As the peak period for demand approaches, the National Coal Board said yesterday that it could meet less than half the tonnage needed to continue deliveries to schools, hospitals and old people's homes in Yorkshire.

Mr Graham Smith, the board's Yorkshire area marketing director, said: "When we hit our peak demand if nothing is done to increase supplies of the right grade of fuel the only establishments that we shall be able to supply will be hospitals and old people's homes. These are our top priority."

The NCB has halted supplies to leisure centres and swimming pools in many towns ans some have had to close down. But now the board says that "within weeks" the situation of supplies to schools will be a major problem.

In Doncaster some of the town's 141 schools are not expected to reopen after the October half-term break unless coal supplies drastically improve.

The main hope of saving supplies for schools and preventing their closure is an appeal from the NCB to the Yorkshire area of the NUM to allow union members to treat unwashed coal stockpiled at pitheads in the county. The NCB said it is still awaiting a reply.

More than 40 schools in Mid-Glamorgan are also faced with closure because of the miners' strike.

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Judgment day for Scargill

By Frances Gibb
Legal Affairs Correspondent

Mr Arthur Scargill will not be legally represented in court today for judgment concerning allegations that he is in contempt of court.

After hearing evidence last week that the miners president had acted in direct and "wilful disobedience" of court orders, Mr Justice Nicholls adjourned the proceedings to give Mr Scargill time to reflect and consider the desirability of legal representation.

But it is understood there has been no change of mind by he miner's leader. He has declared he is prepared to go to prison for what he has said.

The contempt proceedings are being brought by two Yorkshire miners concerning breaches of injunctions that they obtained against the National Union of Mineworkers and its Yorkshire area.

They will also today make a second committal application about three fresh alleged contempts.

The three new alleged contempts involve comments by Mr Scargill in *The Times* reaffirming that the miners' strike was official: allegations against the miners' union about a statement it issued endorsing Mr Scargill's stand and remarks by Mr Scargill on a BBC *Newsnight* televison programme after he was served with documents relating to the first contempt move.



Mr Justice Nicholls (left), aged 51, who must decide today whether to jail Mr Arthur Scargill, has been no stranger to publicity as a High Court judge.

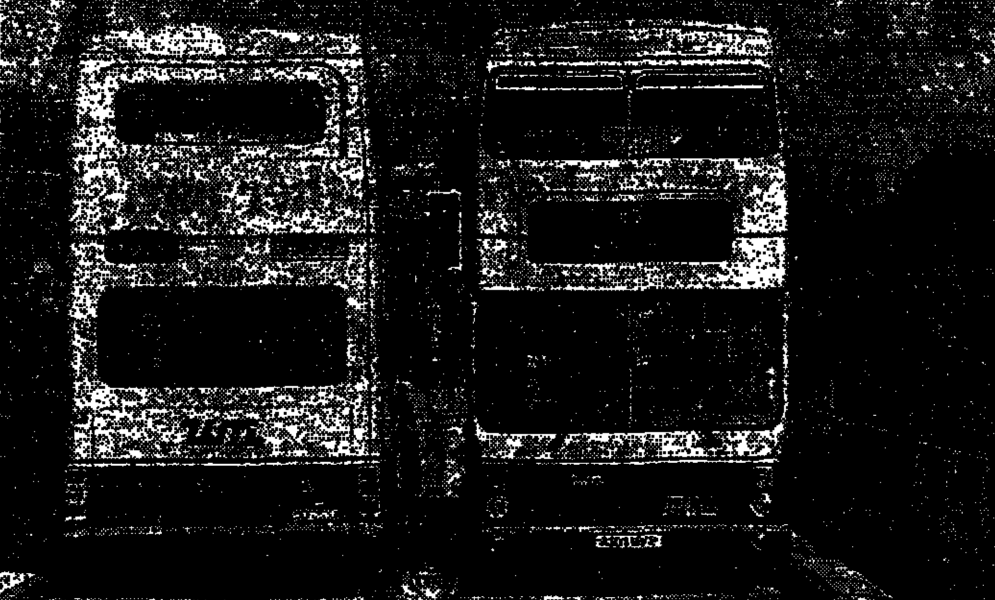
Appointed to the Chancery Bench in August last year, he was called on in May this year to rule on the will of Dick Emery, the comedian. He gave three-quarters of Mr Emery's estate to his widow and a quarter to his mistress.

Earlier the judge, in an action brought against the National Trust about the building of a nuclear war control centre on land in the Chilterns, held that the Trust had not acted unlawfully in leasing land to the Ministry of Defence.

The first contempt proceedings arise because of injuctions granted to Mr Bob Taylor and Mr Ken Foulstone from the Manton colliery restraining the NUM, its Yorshire area and their officials from describing the Yorkshire strike or any picket in the area as official.

Proceeding have been brought against Mr Scargill as a leading official of the union concerning a television interview in which it is claimed he continued to asser. that the strike was official in Yorkshire and Derbyshire.

If the contempt is established today, a substantial fine on the NUM with threat of sequestration of its assets is far more likely than the immediate jailing of Mr Scargill.





Buses on Britain's first guided track route and, right, the modified wheel (Photograph: Bill Warhurst)

Birmingham launches bus on rails

Britain's first guided bus scheme was launched in a Birmingham suburb yesterday with enthusiastic declarations about its potential amid protests from some opponents.

Tracline 65 is a £1m experiment with a 650 yard twin-track busway on the former central reservation (and old tram route) of a busy dual-carriageway through Short Heath.

The project is being developed by the West Midlands Passenger Executive, the Labour-controlled county council, Metro Cammell Weymann and GKN.

The route into central Birmingham is predicted to cut traffic congestion and reduce bus journey times by up to 10 per cent. Some Conservatives, however, have condemned it as wasteful, an eyesore and a disastrous joke. Some residents are also annoyed at the central reservation being used and believe that children and the elderly could be in danger

Modified buses on the route are dual-purpose. They operate conventionally on roads but, once they enter the Tracline system, guided-wheels [illegible] fitted to the front wheels fit into steel rails on the sides of the raised section of the concrete track, eliminating the need to steer.

The system is 25 per cent narrower than conventional bus lanes and buses can be adapted to it.

Mr Graham Simons, the Transport Executive's divisional manager, said Tracline was the first system in the world to use double-deck buses and would be monitored for a year.

But at yesterday's opening ceremony in Streetley Road, Short Heath, Mr Gregory Prescott, aged 78, stepped forward with other pensioners and said: "There will be great danger to young choldren and pensioners crossing this busy road to board; and I fear that the ambulance service could get busier than buses on this route."

Life term for bank thieves

Two robbers were jailed for life at the Central Criminal Court in London yesterday for attempting to murder a police officer shot in the face at close range.

Derek Rossi, aged 29, and Stephen Korsa-Acquah, aged 22, had carried out a £35,000 armed robbery on a Bristol bank. They were each carrying a hand gun when Police Constable William Burns, aged 33, smashed a window of their getaway car with his truncheon and survived a bullet fired into his mouth.

Sir James Miskin, the Recorder, commended all the police involved but he especially praised the courage of PC Burns and Police Constable Owen Leleu, aged 26, who tried to tackle the robbers.

City freedom for rig rebels

By Robin Young

Thirty seven jailed shipyard workers who yesterday refused to purge their contempt of court after six days in prison, are expected to be voted freemen of Liverpool by the city council's left-wing Labour controlling group.

A vote of the city council meeting today is likely to result in each being presented with a scroll and casket when they complete their prison terms.

The men are serving 28-day sentences for defying a High Court order to end their 14-week occupation of a £20m gas rig, and the destroyer HMS Edinburgh, at the Cammell Laird shipyard, Birkenhead.

Yesterday the Court of Appeal was told that at a meeting with a representative from the Official Solicitor's office in Walton Prison on Monday night the 37 had indicated that they were unwilling to apologize to the court.

Mr John McDonnell, QC, presenting an appeal on behalf of the men by the Official Solicitor, who acts for those unable or unwilling to protect their own legal interest, suggested there was no evidence that many of the men knew they were breaching an order by continuing the sit-in, and no evidence that some had continued to take part in the sit-in after the order was made.

Lord Justice Lawton, sitting with Lord Justice Kerr and Lord Justice Browne-Wilkinson, roundly rejected these arguments. "This is about as bad a bit of hehavious as I have come across in 50 years administration of justice. It was near anarchy in this shipyard.

"The conduct of these men has done tremendous damage to Cammell Laird.

If the Liverpool Labour group's recommendation is accepted it will almost double the number of Liverpool freemen. The honour is normall bestowed for outstanding service to the community, and since 1887 only 41 individuals have received it.

The Liberal opposition leader on Liverpool council, Sir Trevor Jones, said yesterday: "This crazy decision completely devalues what was a great civic honour. It will not surpise me if we see awards to members of the Baader-Meinhof gang or the Red Brigade next".

The Court of Appeal hearing continues today.

Vauxhall men start indefinite pay strike

By Barrie Clement
Labour Reporter

Britain's motor industry faced a resurgence of militancy yesterday as most of Vauxhall's 15,000 workers walked out over a 6.75 per cent pay increase and union leaders at Jaguar rejected a 21 per cent wage rise over two years.

Vauxhall workers are protesting about new working methods and efficiency procedures tied to the company's offer.

Leaders of 7,000 employees at the newly privatized and profitable Jaguar plant in Coventry are recommending rejection because they calculate the award at 14 per cent which is unacceptably low, they say.

Representatives of 38,000 workers at Austin Rover are due to claim more than 20 per cent later this week and on October 19 Ford will reply to a demand for 14 per cent on behalf of its 40,000 hourly-paid workers.

The indefinite strike at Vauxhall started at its Ellesmere Port plant early yesterday when 2,250 engineering workers voted for an immediate stoppage after prolonged talks between union leaders and management on Monday night failed to reach agreement.

The seemingly high Jaguar offer undoubtedly acted as a catalyst to the militants.

All three of the company's plants, which include works at Luton and Dunstable, were at a standstill last night as mass meetings voted for a stoppage.

A meeting of 2,400 at the Dunstable commercial vehicle works voted to defy the strike call, but more than 100 track workers later held their own meeting which brought production to a halt.

The Vauxhall offer includes a 6 per cent increase on basic rates and the consolidation of bonus payments, giving a further 0.75 per cent. Management is also offering further bonus payments and shift premiums in return for greater felxibility between trades, fewer restrictive practices and cooperation with the introduction of new technology.

The company says basic rates for 80 per cent of workers would rise from £116 a week to £128 a week, plus between £7 and £10 in bonuses.

Vauxhall said last night that the company hoped for a quick resolution of the strike when the full benefits of a complicated offer became clear.

Scotch keeps off the rocks

Scotch whisky faces unfair competition, unrealistic taxes and excessive stocks but remains a fair distance from the rocks, the National Economic Development Office reported yesterday.

The distilling sector working group, surveying the state of the industry and its prospects, said that Scotch whisky remained among the top five British net export earners with sales of £858m in 1983.

Prison doctor wins damages

Dr Brian Cooper won undisclosed damages in the High Court yesterday over allegations that he used drugs to subdue troublesome prisoners.

The allegations appeared in the book *Tough Guys Don't Cry*, by Mr Joe Cannon, a former prisoner. It gave an alleged account of conditions in Parkhurst prison in 1976 and 1977 when Dr Cooper was medical officer and psychiatrist.

£3m express

The new Gatwick to Victoria express train service is booming. In its first three months it has raised £3m, £1m more than expected. A total of 926,000 passengers were carried, between May and July, compared with 710,000 in the same period last year.

PC committal

Police Constable David Ayers, aged 26, was committed for trial to the Central Criminal Court by Bow Street Magistrates yesterday. PC Ayers is accused of causing grievous bodily harm to a man after being called to an incident while on duty.

The Times overseas selling prices
Austria Sch 29; Belgium B frs 50; Canada $2.75; Canaries Pes 170; Cyprus 700 mils; Denmark Dkr 8.50; Finland Mkk 8.00; France Frs 7.00; Germany DM 3.50; Greece Dr 100; Holland Gl 3.40; Irish Republic 40p; Italy L 2200; Luxembourg Lf 38; Madeira Esc 125; Morocco Dir 8.00; Norway Kr 8.50; Pakistan Rps 18; Portugal Esc 126; Singapore $5.50; Spain Pes 170; Sweden Skr 8.50; Switzerland S Frs 3.00; Tunisia Din 0.700; USA $1.75; Yugoslavia Din 150

Rare birds seized in dawn raid

By Craig Seton

Rare foreign eagles and other birds of prey, worth an estimated £100,000 on the collectors' black market, were seized by customs officers in an early morning raid yesterday on an isolated smallholding near Wolverhampton.

About 25 birds, including hawks, were found in avaries at a village in Staffordshire, guarded by two alsatians. Few of the birds found were native to Britain, and it was thought they could have been smuggled into the country.

Some of them had wing spans of up to six feet. They were taken away in cardboard boxes by officers of the customs and excise and the Department of the Environment's wild life inspectorate, who were investigating a possible offence under the Endangered Species Act 1976.

Among the birds found were the Marshall and African crowned eagle, Imperial eagle and the Verreaux or Black eagle.

A trap for catching birds was also seized and later a man found on the smallholding was helping with inquiries.

A customs and excise spokesman said after yesterday's raid: "Officers have detained a number of birds of prey from premises in the Midlands."

Farm quotas 'may save more land'

By John Young
Agriculture Correspondent

Mr William Wilkinson, chairman of the Nature Conservancy Council, yesterday suggested that controls might have to be placed on agricultural production to prevent more land coming under intensive cultivation.

He was presenting the council's annual report, which asks the Government to consider setting specific targets for self-sufficiency in temperate climate foodstuffs, with greater attention paid to reducing costs than to increasing production.

Mr Wilkinson agreed that the extension of quotas to cereals and meat was a possibility to be considered.

Any talk of imposing more quotas is bound to antagonize farmers, at a time when they and the conservation lobby seem to be coming closer

But Mr Wilkinson insisted that a prosperous farming industry, vital to the health of the countryside, would be better assured through guaranteed prices for limited production.

He repeated the view that relations between agricultural and conservation interests were on the mend, but conservationists must understand that many farmers were going through a difficult period.

Tenth report of the Nature Conservancy Council (Stationery Office, £3).

SDP jobs creation plea

The Social Democratic Party is calling for an immediate £1,000m boost to capital spending.

Mr Ian Wrigglesworth, the party's spokesman on economic affairs, said yesterday that the money sholud be concentrated on rail electrification and improvements to industrial infrastructure

Capital spending on the "modest scale" proposed by the SDP would demonstrate the Government's determination to begin the process of creating jobs in the construction industry and reversing the neglect of investment in public assets, Mr Wrigglesworth said.

Mr Nigel Lawson should grasp the opportunity he missed at the recent International Monetary Fund meeting in Washington to announce that Britain was to become a full member of the European Monetary System, Mr Wrigglesworth, MP for Stockton South, said.

Sale room

Royal coffee service fetches £82,500

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

An English private collector spent £82,500 (estimate £15,000-£20,000) at Sotheby's yesterday to acquire an extraordinary Marcolini Meissen chocolate and coffe service made in 1775-80 to celebrate the engagement of King Anton I of Saxony to Princess Caroline of Savoy. It came to Sotheby's from the estate of the late King Umberto II, the fourth and last King of Italy, who reigned for only one month in 1946.

The king inherited many Savoy heirlooms and avidly collected works of art associated with his family. Each piece in this service bears a portrait of a different member of the family, painted in grisaille in an oval. The ovals are framed in multicoloured gold on a *bleu royal* ground. The grandest members of thhe family have the appropriate coronets and arms on the saucer while the others have their initials.

The sale also included an unexpected price of £6,600 (estimate £1,000-£1,500) for a Dutch maiolica dish of the first quarter of the seventeenth century. It is decorated with a tazza full of grapes, a very rare pattern for a dish, and multiplies the previous high prices in the field by about three.

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Du Cann will fight to keep his job

Mr Edward du Cann said yesterday that he is to stand again next month for the chairmanship of the 1922 Committee of Conservative MPs, in spite of the efforts of some senior colleagues to oust him.

With the disclosure that Mr Cranley Onslow, MP for Woking, a beaten candidate last year, was attempting to persuade Mr du Cann to step aside, the stage has been set for an unusually bitter contest.

The opening shots were fired yesterday. Mr du Cann, MP for Taunton, whose 12 years' service in the chair is a record, alleged that Mr Onslow or his friends had leaked the letter, whose contents appeared in *The Times*, and accused them of indiscretion.

Mr Onslow denied the charge and said that he would be writing to Mr du Cann

Lord Lewin challenge on Belgrano

By Richard Evans
Lobby Reporter

Admiral of the Fleet Lord Lewin, Chief of Defence Staff during the Falklands crisis, last night questioned a statement by the Prime Minister about the sinking of the Belgrano.

He disputed her claim that she and Cabinet colleagues were not told that the Argentine cruiser was attacked while sailing towards home until November, 1982, more than six months after it was sunk.

"I think it highly likely that ministers were aware, from a verbal report, of the course of the Belgrano when she was attacked, but because it was not important it did not sink in", he said in a radio interview.

But last night Downing Street sources were quick to point out that Mrs Thatcher's assertion about the details only being made known in November was based on documentary evidence. "There was nothing before that on record to indicate ministers knew, or in their collective memories that they can recall".

Bow Group seeks fairer benefits review

By Nicholas Timmings
Social Services Correspondent

The Government's four separate inquiries into social security should be abandoned and replaced with an overall reform of the tax and social security systems, the Bow Group said yesterday.

The Conservative pressure group claimed that the treasury had been allowed to "hijack" the process of reform, by seeking short-term savings in cutting housing benefit and threatening to tax child benefit, when what was needed was a review taking in tax allowances and reliefs as well as benefits, to produce a fairer system.

The Government's record on social security was "patchy". Mr Michael Lingens, chairman of the Bow Group, said. The real value of most benefits had been maintained, but low income earners had been hit by increased taxation.

"As a result, the incidence of the poverty and unemployment traps has risen. Housing benefit has been cut, but relief on mortgage interest has increased."

The group calls for the scrapping of the present complex system of benefits, at the same time abolishing tax allowances and reliefs, including personal allowances and items such as mortgage tax relief.

In all, reliefs cost the Treasury £30,000m a year – almost as much as the total yield from income tax and more than threequarters of the social security bill.

In their place would be a guaranteed minimum income for each individual and a flat rate of tax on all earnings of 20p in the £1. National Insurance contributions should go, but indirect taxes such as value-added tax would rise, with those living only on benefit receiving a cash compensation for the increase.

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Intoximeter ruling wrecks appeal hope of 83,000 convicted drivers

Hopes of 83,000 motorists of having their convictions for driving with too much alcohol in their blood quashed were set back by a judgment in the Queen's Bench Divisional Court in London yesterday.

It decided that the former Home Secretary, Lord Whitelaw, was acting within his powers in approving the Intoximeter 3000 breath test machine last year.

In his ruling, the Lord Chief Justice, Lord Lane, dismissed arguments on behalf of two drivers challenging the Home Secretary's actions as "misconceived".

He said the Home Secretary had both the power and indeed the duty to approve such a machine or device as he saw it.

The court upheld a prosecution appeal against the decision of a London stipendiary magistrate to dismiss a charge of failing to provide a breath specimen brought against Miss Patricia Harrigan, aged 20.

It also rejected an appeal by counsel for Mr Revel Henry Hayward against a conviction of driving with excess alcohol contrary to the Road Traffic Act, 1972, as amended by the Transport act, 1981, imposed by magistrates at Chatham, Kent.

Mr Peter Archer, QC, for Mr Hayward, said the Home Secretary had acted outside his powers when he approved the Intoximeter machine in April last year. There was no statutory power expressly given to the minister to approve the device.

Mr Archer told Lord Lane, sitting with Mr Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Leggatt, that in the absence of amending legislation there could be no proper conviction from the use of the Intoximeter device.

Mr Archer said that if his point was good it represented an oversight by parliamentary draftsmen which could have been corrected at any time within the past 17 years.

The reason the matter had arisen was the anxiety which had been expressed about the reliability of the Intoximeter machine, which gives electronic print-outs of breath alcohol levels. It had aroused comments in the national press and caused conflict in magistrates' courts.

Yesterday's appeals had been viewed with considerable interest. If the arguments of both motorists had been vindicated, about 83,000 drivers in the country could have taken steps to have their convictions quashed.

After the controversy surrounding the Intoximeter, the Home Office ruled that all drivers who are found by the machine to be over the limit, may elect to take a blood or urine test.

That option was due to end this month, but it has been extended until the new year. During that time it will monitored by the Forensic Science Service.

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Finishing touches: Mr Ray Hudson, a foundry chaser, renovating 'The Shell Carrier' (Photographs: Dod Miller).



Time and acid rain take toll of Hyde Park statue

The Royal Artillery Memorial at Hyde Park Corner, one of London's best loved sculptural landmarks, has become a victim of acid rain, according the the Imperial War Museum.

Miss Ann Compton, of the museum's Department of Art, told *The Times* that the sculpture was under threat on two fronts: iron and steel fixings holding the bronze statues in place were rusting away, and corrosive air pollution was destroying the supportive relief carvings in soft Portland stone. The carvings "will disappear if preventive action is not taken very soon", she said.

Last week, one of the four bronze statues, known as "the Shell Carrier", was removed by crane to a Basingstoke foundry for repairs, after police in the station at Wellington Arch opposite noticed it was leaning forward because of rusted fixings.

Traffic vibrations from Hyde Park Corner could not have helped, Miss Compton said. A full restoration of the monument would cost about £30,000 and would involve treating the stone with a stabilizing mixture of chemicals, a technique long in use where cathedrals were similarly threatened.

The memorial was completed in 1925 and was held to be the masterpiece of Charles Sargeant Jagger, a famous sculptor of the day

In addition to its campaign to save the Royal Artillery Memorial, the Imperial War Museum is to open a five-month exhibition of Sargeant Jagger's smaller works next May.

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Free home offer in council contest

By Christopher Warman, Property Correspondent

A former council tenant in Rochester upon Medway, Kent, who is buying his or her home and can answer questions about stamp duty and the mortgage rate, has the chance to win the property in a competition organized by the city council.

If, as seems likely, more than one entrant knows all the answers in the competition, there will be a tie-breaker in which they will be asked to say why they bought their home.

The council has organized the competition in the hope of increasing sales of council homes. It has so far sold 3,500 homes, about a third of its stock.

Mr Michael Franklin, chairman of the council's housing policy and environmental services committee, said yesterday that its continuing policy was to encourage home ownership. "This exercise is only one of many ways by which the home ownership principle and the means to achieve it can be demonstrated", he said.

The council has set aside £25,000, to cover the costs of the competition and of paying off the winner's existing mortgage.

Entrants must have bought their homes between April and December, 1984, and complete their purchase by February 28, 1985.

Radio change

Radio 4's early morning *Farming Today* programme was cancelled yesterday because its producer, Mr Allan Wright, failed to receive an alarm call. The programme was replaced by a stock item on a kibbutz in north Israel.

Boxer banned

Former world middleweight boxing champion Alan Minter was banned from driving for a year yesterday. Minter, aged 33, of Roskerry House, Selsfield Road, West Hoathly, Sussex, admitted refusing to provide a specimen of breath, and was fined £125 by magistrates in Esher, Surrey.

Inquest barred

No inquest will be held on Herr Hartmut Linser, aged 30, the Third Secretary to the East German Embassy, who was killed when his car hit a lamp post in Hendon, north London, on October 4. Diplomatic immunity was claimed by the embassy.

Hunt stopped

The traditional Boxing Day meeting of the Grove and Rufford hunt in Retford, North Nottinghamshire, has been banned by the Labour-controlled Bassetlaw District Council.

Traditional studies hold boys and girls

By Colin Hughes

Most schools are offering subject options to both sexes, but sex discrimination laws have done little to change the choices which boys and girls make on what they study at school, according to research funded by the Equal Opportunities Commission and published yesterday.

The study found that there are as few girls taking up physics and craft subjects as there were 10 years ago, and as few boys venturing into fields seen as traditionally female, such as home economics.

Carried out by a team from the National Foundation for Educational Research, the survey analysed the policy of nearly 200 schools, teacher and pupil attitudes, and focused on a core of 14 schools for detailed case studies, to form the largest and most comprehensive study of sex discrimination in schools yet undertaken.

One in 10 was thought strongly committed to equal opportunities, and one in eight showed signs of "bad practice", according to the research team. They say that local education authorities had a "poor idea" of what goes on in their schools on equal opportunities.

In mixed schools boys continue to dominate in sciences, except for biology, and girl's outnumbered boys in office skills. In single-sex schools twice as many girls study physics, and in boys' schools more study biology, but the team believes the difference arises from parental background, and not from the schools being single sex.

Although most teachers supported the principles of equal opportunities, few were trained to recognize difficulties and identify solutions. Slightly more women teachers were sympathetic, but bigger differences were found between teachers of different subjects than between men and women teachers.

Option Choice, a Question of Equal Opportunity (John Pratt, John Bloomfield and Clive Seale, published by NFER-Nelson, Darville House, 2 Oxford Road East, Windsor, Berkshire; £11.95).

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Sea rescue bid failed to save 7

A brave but vain air-sea rescue attempt by a Royal Air Force crew was described yesterday at an inquest into the deaths of seven men from two fishing boats which foundered in the North Sea in May.

Air Load Master David Allen was lowered into the sea off Flamborough Head, Humberside, and took hold of a fisherman struggling in the water. He was unable to secure the rescue strap, but took a strong grip on him and was winched up to the aircraft.

The attempt by air crew to haul the victim into the helicopter was unsuccessful

Det Sergeant Earnest Wellburn told the inquest at Bridlington that the sea took the victim from Mr Allen's grasp and swept him away. Mr Allen grabbed a second victim and an attempt was made to land him on a lifeboat.

It became obvious that either Mr Allen or the victim would collide with the side of the vessel, so Mr Allen deliberately positioned himself between the victim and the vessel and suffered serious back injuries, Mr Wellburn said.

But he retained his grip until the victim could be lowered into the sea again. The coroner, Mr Trevor Green, was told that a lifeboat crew member jumped into the sea and kept the victim afloat until colleagues were able to pull them both on board.

Four men from the Carol Sandra were lost and three men from the North Wind III, which was helping to coordinate the rescue when it too was swamped, also died.

The jury returned verdicts of death by misadventure on all seven victims. The coroner said that the four victims whose bodies were not recovered were presumed drowned. He added that all those involved in the rescue deserved the highest commendation.

Dangers in home grown vegetables

By Tony Samstag

A scientist in Birmingham has unearthed some of the most conclusive evidence to date that people who grow their own vegetables in or near British cities are at risk from cadmium poisoning, which can cause kidney damage.

Mr Christopher Tennant of Aston University's department of environmental health told *The Times* yesterday that maximum cadmium levels in some vegetables he studied were up to three times those found in the Somerset village of Shipham, where a cadmium scare in 1979 prompted a series of epidemiological studies that are still continuing.

The gardens of almost 200 families in the borough of Walsall, West Midlands, were analysed for cadmium contamination and 96 households were monitored more closely. Families were chosen for study only if they grew at least 70 per cent of the vegetables they consumed.

When Mr Tennant's team measured the quantities of cadmium consumed by the families, the highest consumption was 67 microgrammes a day, perilously close to the 70 microgramme "maximum tolerable daily intake" set by United Nations scientists.

Atmospheric fall-out from industry and careless waste disposal are probably the main reasons for a build-up of cadmium in soil through the years.

Strike delays post office closures

The Post Office announced yesterday that it was postponing the closure of post offices and would be manning more counters to cope with long queues caused by the lack of new pension, child allowance and other benefit books.

The queues are a result of the five-month-old strike at the Department of Health and Social Security, which has prevented the issue of new books. As a result every payment has to be recorded by hand, an operation which takes three times as long and is doubling the work load at counters.

None of the 60 to 70 main post offices due for closure would shut its doors until the delays caused by the strike had ended, a Post Office statement said. Where practicable there would be extra manning at counters at "appropriate times", particularly Tuesdays, when child allowances come out, and Thursdays, which is pension day.

The public are also being advised to collect their allowances a day or two late if possible, to avoid the worst queues.

Up to 1,000 post offices are due to close during the next three years under rationalization plans.

Yesterday TNT, the Australian-owned company which claims to be the biggest express packet and parcels service in Britain after the Post Office, introduced a next-day service with guaranteed delivery before 10.30am to any part of the United Kingdom.

It already uses aircraft, inter-city coaches, and vans, and was adding motor cycle messengers to ensure on-time delivery, Peter Jones the UK managing director, announced.

TNT, which started in Britain in 1978, already offers a guaranteed same-day delivery service, and another by 9am the next day. Its 10.30am delivery fills a market niche between those for whom 9am is too early and 12 noon too late, it says.

Tour operator cuts Greek holidays by 6%

By Derek Harris, Commercial Editor

There were further shots yesterday in the price war on package holidayss to Greece when Sunmed Holidays, reduced its prices for next summer by an average 6 per cent.

This compares with increases of up to 14 per cent by other tour operators

Some Sunmed decreases are greater, including a 17 per cent cut in Corfu, 14 per cent in Crete and 15 per cent in Athens. But holidays to Lesbos are down only 3.5 per cent and those in Rhodes up by 12 per cent.

What turn the price war will take depends on Intersun Leisure, second largest tour operator in Britain, which is scheduled, to bring out its summer, 1985, brochures later this month.

Intasun, like Thomson Holidays and Horizon Travel, the two other big operators, are reported to have been particularly active in buying up accommodation in Greece for next year in expectation of a big switch, by holidaymakers there as the price differential with Spain has narrowed.

Computer weapon to beat crime

By Bill Johnstone, Technology Correspondent

Police incident rooms, which coordinate investigations into serious crimes, are to be computerized in most cities, at a cost of about £2m. The first will be ready by the beginning of next year.

The new system is called Holmes (Home Office Large Major Enquiry System). The scientific research and development branch of the Home Office has just completed the technical specification.

Depending on the system chosen, police forces will use microcomputers at a cost of £30,000 each, mini computers costing between £50,000 and £350,000 and programs at £20,000 a year.

Compuetr files on individuals will be registered with the official supervising data protection legislation.

The disadvantages of using manually-filed cards were highlighted during the case of the "Yorkshire Ripper". There was speculation that Peter Sutcliffe would have been caught more quickly had the police used computers.

● The Micro Repair Club has been established for home computer owners. The service is offered through an annual subscription of £24.95 with Domestic and General and the repairs will be done by Computeraid Services.

Road inquiry told of £30m cheaper route

The public inquiry into the proposed M1/A1 link road was told yesterday that an alternative to the Government's so-called green route, would be at least £30m cheaper.

The planned road, costing £107m, would be 45 miles long between Catthorpe in Leicestershire and Cambridgeshire, cutting through Northamptonshire.

The aim is to improve links between the Midlands and east-coast ports.

There have been more than 1,000 objections against it. The inquiry at Kettering, Northamptonshire, on September 11 and is expected to last six months.

Mr Richard Parker, a chartered engineer, gave evidence yesterday on behalf of Daventry District Council, one of the objectors. He said using the A45 would save over £30m

Mr Parker, a principal engineer with Scott, Wilson, Kirkpatrick and Partners, said there was not a strong technical case for the green route

The Montego estate: high load capacity.

Seven-seat estate car

By Clifford Webb, Motoring Correspondent

The first all-British estate car for several years was launched yesterday by Austin Rover. Based on the recently introduced Montego family saloon, it is claimed to have the biggest load-carrying capacity in its class, more than 60 cu ft.

Austin Rover dealers are said to be enthusiastic about its prospects. Without a modern estate car in their range, they have been missing sales, since estate cars now account for one in 10 of all cars sold in Britain.

The Montego estate makes its debut at the British Motor Show in the National Exhibition Centre, Birmingham, next week. Five versions will be sold at prices which are understood to range from £6,400 to £8,500. Two engine sizes are available: the recently modernized 1.6 litre "S" series and the two-litre "O" series.

An unusual feature for a British estate car is the option of a third row of seats in the rear, making it a full seven – seat car.

Grieving fiancé flew 12,000 miles to die

A man whose Welsh fiancée committed suicide flew 12,000 miles on a one-way ticket from Australia to join her in death. Mr Neil Browne, aged 30, died in a car filled with fumes on the eve of the funeral of his girl friend Miss Susan Pritchard, aged 32. He was clutching her silver locket with photographs of them together and his final diary entry on August 20 reads: "Neil joined Susan last night". Miss Pritchard unexpectedly called off their wedding two weeks before it was due.

The deaths of the couple, who had planned to live together in Australia, unfolded at an inquest in Abergavenny, Gwent, yesterday.

Their four-year relationship began at a Welsh squash club, although Mr Browne, who was born in Melbourne, returned to Australia after working in Cwmbran, Gwent.

Miss Pritchard, of Greenhill Road, Sebastopol, Pontypool, Gwent, regularly telephoned him and flew out to meet his parents before arranging a June wedding.

The inquest was told she later telephoned Mr Browne to say she could not go to Australia, give up her friends and leave her widowed mother, aged 70, and family.

"She was torn between her love for Mr Browne and her loyalty to her family. She began to develop doubts about life on the other side of the world and seemed to put all manner of obstacles in the way of going to Australia", Mr David Bowen, the Gwent coroner, said after hearing statements and evidence from relatives.

Mr John Price, the dead girl's brother-in-law, said Miss Pritchard, a council payroll officer, bought a wedding dress and sent out invitations, but called at his home to tell him she had changed her mind.

Mr Browne's attempts to find work in Britain failed and Miss Pritchard became very depressed.

In July, Mr Browne flew to South Wales for a short visit to reassure her. He returned to Austrlia alone but kept in touch by telephone.

The night before her death in August, Miss Pritchard called at Mr Price's home and broke down in tears, saying she had had another telephone call from Australia. "Why is Neil so kind to me?" she asked. She was later found drowned in the river Usk near Abergavenny.

The coroner said that he was satisfied that Mr Browne, a printing designer of Bundorra, Victoria, intended to take his own life before leaving Australia to fly to South Wales for Miss Pritchard's funeral.

Mr Browne's body was found at New Inn, Pontypool. The couple were cremated and their families had their ashes buried together.

The coroner recorded verdicts of suicide.

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Treasury to meet extra costs of policing pit dispute, Brittan says

Reports by Alan Wood, Robert Morgan, Derek Barnett, Howard Underwood and Anthony Hodges

A firm limit on the money that any police authority will have to find from the rates for policing cost of the miners' strike was announced by Mr Leon Brittan, Home Secretary, when he replied to the debate on law and order at the opening of the Conservative Party conference in Brighton yesterday.

He also announced a new independent check against any attempts by policing authorities to suspend their chief constables and legislation to enable a limit to be imposed on the time taken before cases come to trial

Mr Brittan, who received a standing ovation, promised that the police would continue to receive the Government's total support. For all the violence, every miner willing to cross picket lines and go to work had been able to do so. The police were not enforcing his orders: they were simply enforcing the law of the land.

He challenged Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader, to tell his party firmly and unequivocally that the law was to be obeyed and to tell Mr Arthur Scargill that unless the National Union of Mineworkers' leadership stopped the violence and intimidation, they would immediately and forever forfeit all Labour support. Only by doing that could any condemnation of violence carry credibility.

Mr William Coates, Meriden, moved the motion that: This conference believes the Government must reconsider the whole problem of organized violence and intimidation and calls on the Government to implement in full its manifesto promises on violence, law and order.

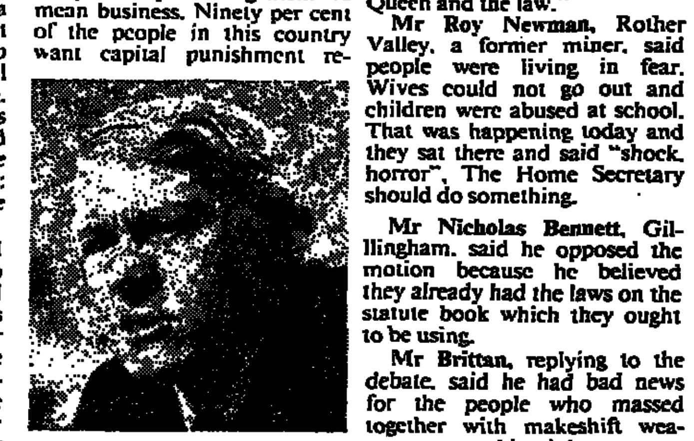
In the past seven months, he said, the country had witnessed scenes of violence no one would have believed possible, but it was the disgusting, underhand intimidation of working miners and their families which had been so disturbing.

The Government had pledged to protect the weak and strengthen the rule of law and order. "I believe we have failed to honour this commitment", he said to loud applause. "We have let the moderate miners down and we have let the police down."

Mr Tom Butcher, Gedling, a retired policeman, said crimes and acts of violence had never been so high, the public had never been so afraid and morale in the police had never been so low.

It is time to leave behind the views of the so-called experts and respond to the gut feeling of the vast majority of the people of this country," he said. "Reform is very expensive and a waste of time. Young offenders commit the vast majority of crimes and the best reform is cheap – the ageing and maturing process. In the meantime young people are best controlled not by reform but by punishment.

"We must allay the fears of the public by showing them we mean business. Ninety per cent of the people in this country want capital punishment restored and we should give them that," he said to prolonged applause.


Mr Eldon Griffiths

Mr Anthony Gilberthorpe, Gloucester, said that the Prime Minister has shown that her determination could beat ten thousand miners' pickets.

Mr Eldon Griffiths, MP for Bury St Edmunds, and parliamentary adviser to the Police Federation, said the hard left had been running its anti-police campaign for most of the past 15 years. The Labour conference was the first public display of the militants' battle plans to win power by the back door.

The miners' union was being exploited by politically motivated men who wanted to use it as a battering ram against the Government.

Undermining the rule of law by alienating the public from the police was well advanced. The official Labour Party had been cajoled into supporting the rule of the mob and "Scarbenn", or was it "Benngill", compared the police to the Gestapo. "When Mr Scarbenn likens our police to beasts who ran the extermination camp I get very angry", he said.

There was no room for politics in policing and no place in the police for politics. It was simply not good enough for Mr Kinnock to condemn violence on both sides. Nor would it do to talk of the brotherhood of man – not even if you were the Bishop of Durham – while expousing the cause of class war

Any suggestion that the police themselves are on the side of Conservatives should be avoided. "They are not and they must not be. The only side the police are on is that of the Queen and the law."

Mr Roy Newman, Rother Valley, a former miner, said people were living in fear. Wives could not go out and children were abused at school. That was happening today and they sat there and said "shock, horror". The Home Secretary should do something.

Mr Nicholas Bennett, Gillingham, said he opposed the motion because he believed they already had the laws on the statute book which they ought to be using.

Mr Brittan, replying to the debate, said he had bad news for the people who massed together with makeshift weapons, engaged in violence, arson and intimidation and thought the police would buckle and the Government crack. That was not going to happen in Britain today (applause). The right of people to go to their jobs would be defended, the cowards who intimidated women and children would be brought to book and the law of this land would be upheld.

Peaceful picketing was one thing. The presence of thousands of people on a picket line could have only one purpose. It was to intimidate and coerce, to stop people going about their lawful business, to use fear to smash freedom.

For seven long, violent months thousands of pickets had attacked the police line, but the police had held their line. For all the violence those brave miners willing to cross picket lines and go to work had been able to do so.

One thing was clear about the police action in the dispute. It was conducted with the consent of the vast majority of the law-abiding members of the community (applause). The Government's task was not to direct the police, but to support them.

There would now be a definite limit to the amount of money that any police authority would have to find from the rates for the policing of the dispute (renewed applause). That limit would be three-quarters of the product of a penny rate.

Beyond that any extra cost incurred in policing this dispute, for however long it lasted, would be met by the exchequer in full.

They would not let left-wing police authorities undermine police operations. South Yorkshire had tried to do that twice. He would continue to take every action necessary to ensure that the chief constable's independent position was not jeopardized. The dispute had shown that chief constables needed further protection against politically motivated acts of spite. Using the powers in the Police and Criminal Evidence Bill he would now provide a new and politically independent check against any attempt by a police authority to suspend its chief constable.

Violence must not be allowed to pay. Nor would it. Not just because of the police or the Government, but rather because those who took on the law of the land took on the British people. "And in them they will meet their match", he concluded to loud applause.

The motion was carried.

Sulphur emissions have been cut by 40 per cent

Britain has dropped its sulphur emissions by nearly 40 per cent since 1970 and the Government intended a further drop of 30 per cent from the 1980 figure by the late 1990s, Mr William Waldegrave, Under-Secretary of State for the Environment declared in reply to a debate on the environment.

He also announced the Government intended to empower water authorities to sustain a level of investment, including pollution control, over the next years to make a reality of their policies of cleaning up beaches, rivers and estuaries.

Mr Michael Willis, Brentwood and Ongar, proposed and the conference carried, a motion calling on the Government to conserve the environment by all practical means, including the reduction of known sources of pollution and vigorous defence of the Green Belt.

Moors were disappearing at the rate of 12,000 acres a year, he said. Fish no longer swam in many Scottish lakes and every year England's green and pleasant land became a little less green and a little less pleasant.

Sir Hugh Rossi, MP for Hornsey and Wood Green, and chairman of the Commons Select Committee on the Environment, said Britain remained the largest producer of atmospheric sulphur dioxide in Europe except for the Soviet Union, and must join other European countries to reduce the damage to forests and the countryside.

Mr Waldegrave said that this summer, for the first time, a British Minister of Agriculture had taken the conservation lead in Europe by going to the EEC and saying: "Give us the legal backing to spend money not only on producing food but on helping farmers to protect the environment".

Since 1979 an additional two-and-a-half million acres of Green Belt had been given the full protection of Britain's planning system, more than doubling the total land so protected.



Government's real test, by Gummer

The real test for the Government would come when the violence in the miners' strike was over and when the strife was at an end, Mr John Gummer, chairman of the party, told delegates.

When the tyranny had been tamed the Government must show itself without rancour, ready and eager to rebuild and to heal.

That, he told the conference in his address, would be even more difficult than being firm in its determination now to uphold the right to hold fast to principle.

Where Arthur Scargill had shown the unacceptable face of trade unionism the Government must help men to build again their loyalty to a democratic and representative NUM. Where Mr Scargill had torn communities apart, the Government must seek to heal and mend.

In Blackpool they had witnessed the coronation of King Arthur and his usurpation of the mantle of leadership. Therefore it was the deputy leader of the Labour Party, Mr Neil Kinnock, who had sought to reaffirm his opposition to violence. But Mr Kinnock has not told it straight. He had not put his leadership on the line.

The takeover by the left and the cowardice of the Labour moderates was the real challenge to Conservatives. The many whose traditional Labour loyalties had been strained to breaking point were looking for a lead, and only the Conservative Party could give it.

The party must win as members those who had voted for it right across the nation, including the poor, the old, blacks, trade unionists and the unemployed.

Labour's politicising of the police should not push Tories into allowing a national issue to develop into a party squabble.

'We will not let miners down'

The Government had created the conditions for an expanding, low-cost, high-productivity, high-pay coal industry, Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Energy, declared. To all miners, strikers and non-strikers, he promised a better future with unparalleled investment, with better pits, machinery and conditions.

As the industry became more profitable and prosperous, pay packets would reflect the new prosperity and as long as the Government had air to breathe, Mr Arthur Scargill would not destroy the democratic institutions of Britain.

Mr Walker received a standing ovation and during the debate so did the wife of a working miner, Mrs Irene McGibson, of Dover, who is national organizer of the miners wives' Back to Work campaign.

Mr Derek Ridge, Newark, successfully moved a motion calling on the Government to embark on a vigorous programme to restore the pride and confidence of all those working within the coal industry, and to ensure the mining community is given every assistance to change and adapt itself to modern needs and thereby obtain the benefits of becoming strong and self sufficient.

Mrs McGibbon was given a standing ovation at the end of a speech in which she said she was proud of her working miner husband.

When the bishops suggested that she should compromise the right to a peaceful occupation of her home, the right to pass along the Queen's highway and the right to work, she had to admonish them: "You are wrong".

The Conservative Party had recognized the realities of mining in a much more practical way than its opponents had ever done, **Mr Walker said.** The coal industry faced anexciting future but only if it could produce good quality coal at a price its customers could afford. The industry was hampered by a few loss-making pits which gobbled up scarce resources.

Throughout the dispute Mr Scargill had not demanded better wages, better investment, better community programmes. His one demand was that every pit, no matter how unecomic, was kept open until the last ton of coal was exhausted. No NUM leader in history had ever made such a claim. No Labour Government had ever conceded such a claim or thought about it.

There was no possible industrial justification for the srike. He continued: "But this strike has little to do with the future of the coal industry." It has everything to do with a Marxist challenge to the very roots of our parliamentary democracy. I give you this pledge on behalf of this Government: it will not succeed (applause).

He continued: "Let me say to every working miner who has endured the insults and threats of the picket line, to every household that has had a knock on the door in the middle of the night from the red guards, to every mother who fears for her children, to those who shudder every time the telephne rings lest it is another foul-mouthed threat – this government will never let you down.

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Backing to protect pensions

Nothing was more important in helping pensioners than that the Government's achievement in controlling inflation should be maintained, and the Government meant to do this, **Mr Antony Newton**, Minister for Social Security, told the conference. He said that nothing more quickly undermined people's planning for retirement, or their security when retired, than rapidly rising prices.

The Government was demonstrating its conviction that a crucial part of securing the future welfare of the retired must be still further to broaden the opportunity for people to build their own pensions from their own savings.

The debate was opened by **Mr Michael Jack**, Southport, who moved a resolution calling in a motion on the Government to develop further its social policies to ensure that those who had given a lifetime service to society could look forward to retirement free from economic and social worry.

He said the conference had to show that retirement was not the beginning of the slippery slope to deteriorating living conditions. They had to show that care and concern about pensioners was not the preserve of the Labour Party, Jack Jones and even some bishops.

Mr Newton, Minister of State for Social Security, said after a long review of the government's welfare achievements that in the dispute involving staff at the Newcastle computer centre they were not prepared to accept the deliberate continuation of an unnecessarily expensive pattern of shifts. The Government had a clear duty not only to taxpayers but to claimants to ensure economy in administration.

The motion was carried unanimously.

Policy 'not always well presented'

Following the Conservative's remarkable success in last year's general election, the media felt it was time to cut the party down to size, Lord Whitelaw, Lord President of the Council and deputy leader, said when replying to a debate on public relations.

He admitted that there had been times when policies had not been well presented. But they had to recognize their mistakes and build on their successes.

They had to remember the value of repetition and repeat again and again the simple message anbout the miners' dispute. If there were no mass pickets, no violence on the picket lines, and no intimidation of working miners in their homes and on their way to work, there would be no need for a large police presence, nor would there be one.

Those organizing the mass picketing and violence should call it off instead of hypocritically blaming the police for doing their duty.

The conference carried unanimously a resolution urging the Government to "smarten up its public relations" and to explain its policies lucidly.

Commentary


Geoffrey Smith

The Conservative conference displayed once again yesterday its greatest strength and its greatest weakness.

The greatest strength it has shown down the years is that under pressure it usually presents a united face to the world in support of the party leadership. So it was not really surprising that there was no inclination to rock the boat by seriously questioning the Government's tactics over the miners' strike.

But the greatest weakness that the conference has traditionally displayed is a failure often even to reveal and certainly to debate thoroughly the critical disagreements within the party. There are two major criticisms of the Government's handling of this strike that are made by a good many Conservatives who have no shred of sympathy for Arthur Scargill. Neither criticism received much of an airing at Brighton yesterday.

One of the principle complaints is that the Government has left too much of the case against the NUM to be made by the chairman of the coal board whose expertise lies in management not public relations.

War of attrition

The very success of Mr Peter Walker's speech yesterday lent weight to that criticism. If the full range of the Government's case had been deployed more often with such skill there might have been less embarrassment from the bishops.

The other main complaint is that too heavy a responsibility has been placed upon the police. The Government has declined to use its new legislation so as to bring the civil law into play. Nor have the long-standing powers of the criminal law been deployed so as to remove the abuses of mass picketing.

As the representatives yesterday cheered the many well merited criticisms of violence and intimidation on the picket line, many must often have been asking themselves whether this kind of conduct has to be accepted nowadays as inevitable in a major strike in this country.

Is there no alternative to asking the police to take the strain day after day in a war of attrition? Is the Government's much-vaunted legislation inappropriate in those cases where it is most needed?

Only once or twice did such questions emerge in the course of debate in the conference hall. A statement from the National Association of Conservative Graduates pointed out that "the regulation of picketing by a civil law ... depends all too often on the tactical choices of the employer".

The statement went on to call foe a new law making it a criminal offence for there to be more than six pickets at each entrance of a place of work, while acknowledging that such a reform wonkd not be an answer to he organized mass violence seen in the miners' strike.

Condemnations of violence

Perhaps there is indeed no valid alternative to a war of attrition in those instances where a militant union is prepared neither to compromise nor to show restraint. But the danger of having to rely upon such a strategy is that it can easily run counter to the deep instinct in this country which is dubious of pursuing any policy very far if it results in civil conflict.

It is because they fear this instinct, not because they have an alternative economic strategy to offer, that the bishops have become so troublesome

The nature of the challenge presented to the Government by Mr Scargill's tactics has been recognized from the first by Mrs Thatcher. "What about the violence? What about the violence?" she would ask time and again when ministers were offering reassuring analyses in the early days of the strike.

The conference heard many condemnations of violence yesterday, bu it did not really come to grips with the question as to whether there was any better way of dealing with it. This is a question that will have to be debated seriously, not least by a governing party that has attached so much importance to reforming the law on trade unions and always gives such high priority to preserving public order.

Labour last week failed to ask themselves whether they were not placing too much blame upon the police. The Conservatives yesterday failed to examine sufficiently whether they were not placing too heavy a burden upon the police.

Today's debates

This morning's debates at conference will be on rates, defence and drug abuse. This afternoon, Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, will reply to the debate on the economy and taxation. There will also be debates on health and local government.


Deep in thought: Sir Geoffrey Howe (left) and Lord Whitelaw in Brighton yesterday (Photographs: John Manning).

Delegate fined after damaging 'submarine'

Huw Leslie Shooter, a delegate to the Conservative conference, was fined £200 yesterday after admitting damaging a model Trident submarine built by CND members on the beach opposite Brighton conference centre.

Shooter, aged 24, a trainee insurance actuary, of Burnt Ash Hill, Lewisham, south London, went to the beach with friends the previous night.

CND had planned to float the submarine as an anti-nuclear protest.

Afterwards, Shooter, who was also ordered to pay £100 compensation and £50 costs, said that he had strong views about CND but hoped his Conservative Association at Lewisham would not hear about the incident.

● Any costs in buiding the mock Trident submarine not defrayed by the court will be met by the Conservative Party, Mr John Gummer, its chairman, said in a statement issued at the Brighton conference centre.

Mr Gummer said: "Immediately upon hearing of this morning's incident, I gave instructions that anyone found guilty of causing criminal damage should be deprived of his conference pass and sent home. Furthermore, anyone else who is proved to have taken part in the incident will be similarly dealt with.

NHS charges defended

By Anthony Bevins, Political Correspondent

Mr Kenneth Clarke, Minister of Health, said yesterday that it was time the Government stopped feeling guilty about putting up health service charges.

He told a conference fringe meeting that Britain was the envy of other countries for the value for money obtained from the National Health Service.

His own "good health league" showed that Britain spent a smaller proportion of its gross domestic product on health, than 10 other developed countries. "But in terms of any index you can make on the quality of health care, mortality rates for different diseases, the standards of health which the generality of the population enjoys, we come fourth, and a good fourth, not far behind Sweden, the Netherlands and Switzerland", he said.

Britain's efficiency record in health was so good that Mr Clarke was constantly asked by health ministers from other countries how the NHS could manage to deliver such high standards when spending, in real terms, was only increasing at a rate of 1 per cent a year.

Speaking of future financing methods, Mr Clarke said that all the alternatives had been firmly rejected by the Government. "The serious runners don't run," he said. But he added: "At long last, we have stopped feeling quite so guilty about charging policy. Successive governments have charged for dental services, optical services, and prescription charges since 1951.

● Mr Peter Walker, Secretary of State for Engery, emphasized at a fringe meeting yesterday the importance of government-industry cooperation in developing the energy industry. He told a meeting of the National Association of Conservative Graduates that he foresaw tremendous potential for British industry in the overseas development of energy, particularly off-shore drilling for oil and gas.

He pointed to the success of the off-shore supplies office in assisting British companies to supply the North Sea oil and gas industries.

Electricity board projects aim to reduce acid rain levels

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

Four research projects which could cut acid rain levels were announced yesterday. The projects, disclosed by Sir Walter Marshall, chairman of the Central Electricity Generating Board, are aimed at removing sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from coal-fired power stations.

The schemes are divided betweeen modifications to existing stations, to test new methods for eliminating nitrogen oxides, and design studies for power stations using revolutionary types of furnaces for producing cleaner electricity.

The modifications will be made at Fiddler's Ferry, a large, modern coal-fired power station on Merseyside. The new designs of more efficient, clean types of stations would be based on either a Pressurized Fluidized Bed Combustor or the British Gas-Lurgi Slagging Gasifier.

Sir Walter, in a vigorous defence of the board's activity, was highly critical of the House of Commons Select Committee on the Envrionment, which in a report last month recommended urgent measures to reduce sulphur dioxide and nitrogen oxides from power stations.

"Last year we were being urged to remove sulphur from our effluent because people thought sulphur was the cause of widespread forest damage in Germany. This year scientific opinion is swinging towards ozone (produced by the action of sunlight on hydrocarbons from vehicles and nitrogen oxides) as the pricipal culprit," Sir Walter said.

"Acid rain is a woolly definition covering a range of pollutants that require very different control measures. We already know how to reduce sulphur emissions through the fitting of flue gas desuluphurization plant. The cost would be high. Fitting FGD to a large power station is £130m to £150m, or put another way the capital and running costs would add £8 to the cost of every ton of coal used at the station.

"The research we have been doing over the last four years leads us to suspect that cuts in hydrocarbons from vehicles and other oil-burning appliances, and nitrogen oxides, may actually be more important than sulphur dioxide reductions, both for forests and for acid rain.

"We can't do much to help reductions in hydrocarbons, we contribute only 1 per cent to these. But we do emit about 45 per cent of British nitrogen oxides. If reductions would be evironmentally cost effective, we would certainly want to be in a position to act, just as we are on sulphur dioxide."

Work was outlined to the select committee, and an explanation provided of the probable link between hydrocarbons, nitrogen oxides, ozone and the German forest damage. The committee misunderstood the board's evidence and thought they were saying the opposite.

"So we are accused very unfairly of ignorance or a deliberate attempt to mislead," Sir Walter said.

The committee's report had led the public to believe that modern power stations were responsible for the corrosion of the fabric of ancient buildings

The board attributed the damage mainly to the high levels of sulphur dioxide that had existed in cities for much of this century, from the millions of tons of coal burnt in a myriad of small urban sources, from domestic chimneys to factories, and the type of municipal power stations which had now been closed.

Sir William Marshall: Four schemes.

Fortified British embassy reopens

From Our Correspondent Beirut

The British Embassy in west Beirut reopened yesterday as workmen continued to increase fortifications.

Mr David Miers, the British Ambassador, and a bevy of bodyguards inspected the site on Monday.

There were reports that the embassy was closed last week after it was threatened with attack. A Western military official, who asked that his name not be used, said that after the lorry bomb attack on the United States Embassy annexe in suburban Aukar on September 20 "the Americans and several European nations – including Great Britain, West Germany and others – were told they were possible targets, and security at those installations is being increased".

Lebanese workmen have installed nine huge concrete barriers known as "dragon's teeth" and a steel-bar gate across the road leading to the building in which British diplomats have two floors

Yesterday labourers were whitewashing the barrier blocks and setting up forms for pouring a concrete wall alongside the building's courtyard. A one-man guardhouse was under construction next to the gate.

One woman among the 14 people waiting to visit the consular section said she was from India and desperately needed a visa to visit an ailing sister in London. "It was not possible to apply last week", she said. "I am so worried, and I hope I can arrive in time."

Although the embassy was open for business, there were no British diplomats there yesterday morning. Lebanese employees said. A British guard near the second-floor visa section told me to "come back later in the week".

Telephone calls to the embassy in Nakkash, east of Beirut, were unanswered.



Beirut stronghold: Mr Miers, his right hand still bandaged from his injury in the US Embassy explosion last month, inspecting the new British Embassy fortifications with armed guards.

Heavy Soviet reinforcements reported in Kabul

From Our Own Correspondent Delhi

Determined Soviet moves to defend Kabul from increasing *mujahidin* attacks were reported by Western diplomats in Delhi yesterday. At the same time the diplomats described unconfirmed accounts of an approach made by the Russians to Ahmad Shah Mahsood, leader of the rebels in the Panjshir valley, north of the capital, for a renewed truce.

One diplomatic mission here also repeated an uncomfirmed account of heavy Soviet reinforcements being flown into Afghanistan from the Soviet Union. As many as 70,000 troops are said to have arrived, and a full division accommodated in the Khair Khana encampment in the city.

The movement of three armoured columns to positions along a rough line across the south of the city was described by the diplomats. Heavy armoured traffic has been heading south towards the Logar valley, where the rebels are thought to have been basing their attacks

The south-eastern suburb of Shewaki was reported to have been heavily bombed

The diplomats also have reports of Soviet troops being withdrawn from other areas of the country and transferred to Kabul's defences.

The rumoured negotiations between Mr Mahsood and the Russians may be part of the Soviet attempt to clear their own lines of communication with the capital. According to two sources, the Russians have offered to withdraw to below Bazarak in the valley and to stop all bombing there. In return, Mr Mahsood was asked to allow free access along the road from the Soviet border town of Hairatan to the Salang valley.

Three Bahamas ministers resign

Nassau, Bahamas (Reuter) – Mr Arthur Hanna, Deputy Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, and two other Bahamas cabinet ministers, Mr George Smith (Agriculture) and Mr Kendal Nottage (Youth Affairs) resigned yesterday.

The cabinet office announced the resignations after allegations at a special commission of inquiry probing drug smuggling and corruption.

Japanese sweets poisoner at large again

From David Watts Tokyo

Japanese prefectural and national police held an emergency meeting yesterday to decide how to tackle the "21-faced mystery man" who is putting poisoned sweets on supermarket shelves.

Cyanide-laced sweets manufactured by of the country's leading confectionery companies, Morinaga, have been put in supermarkets in four prefectures in an attempt to extort a little more than £300,000 from the firm.

A total of 800 Morinaga salesmen fanned out all over Japan yesterday in an attempt to track down those responsible. The *Nom de plume* refers to an old Japanese tale about a mysterious man with 20 faces.

Police believe this may be the same group that tried to extort money from an Osaka confectionery company earlier this year after a kidnap

It appears that the same typewriter is being used to type poison notes being stuck on Morinaga sweet packets.

Morinaga says it has no intention of removing its products from the market because to do so would encourage similar crimes in the future. Already, however, about 1,000 shops of the 10,000 that stock Morinaga products have taken the sweets off their shelves.

The "mystery man" says another 30 boxes of tainted sweets will be deposited

Aboriginals 'found dead near A-test'

From Tony Duboudin Melbourne

The bodies of five Aboriginals were found near an Atomic bomb test site in South Australia in 1956, the Royal Commission into British nuclear test in Australia was told in Brisbane yesterday.

Mr Terry Toom, a former soldier, said he found the bodies of two adults and three children while on a mail run with five other soldiers. He described the bodies as being all skin and bones and said they were lying under a tree.

Mr Toom, who lives in the Brisbane suburb of Keperra, said he took part in operations involving British tests at Maralinga and Emu in 1956.

After his commanding officer was told of the discovery, he believed bulldozers were moved into the area.

He told the commission that members of the Seventh Independent Field Squadron were taken to the Marcoo bomb crater shortly after an explosion and orderd to open bunkers.

Peking praises novel about wife-switching

From David Bonavia Peking

The main theoretical organ of the Chinese Communist Party has praised a new novel about wife-switching and capitalistic enterprises in the countryside.

Red Flag carried the review of *Households in Jiwowa village*, in which two couples divorce and change partners. The book is Jia Pingao. Until now, divorce, to say nothing of switching wives, has been played down in officially-approved Chinese fiction.

Red Flag is considered one of the most conservative and dogmatic political journals.

It also praised descriptions of peasants' efforts to enrich themselves by borrowing money and starting such ventures as silkworm cultivation and noodle-making.

It concluded: "The happiness of the affluent family penetrates even the sound of their toilet bucket".

Eight Pinochet critics for trial

Santiago (Reuter) – Eight prominent opponents of Chile's military Government were indicted yesterday for trial under internal security laws for organizing protests last month against President Pinochet, court sources said.

Detention orders were also issued. Those indicted include Gabriel Valdes, president of the Christian Democrats and a former Foreign Minister; Enrique Silva Gimma, head of the Radicals; Mario Sharpe, leader of the Social Democrats; and Manuel Almeyda, president of the leftist Popular Democratic Movement coalition.

Cabinet quits in Bolivia

La Paz (AP) – The Bolivian Cabinet resigned on Monday night to facilitate a government reorganization aimed at alleviating the country's serious political and economic problems.

In a letter to president Siles Zuazo the cabinet said that "recognizing your decision to reorganize the government in order to introduce reajustments in the economic, political and social fields, we resign to leave you in complete freedom to reorganize your Cabinet."

New divorce laws: 1

Petition after a year ends court discretion

The first important reforms of the divorce laws come into force on Friday. *Frances Gibb*, Legal Affairs Correspondent, looks at the changes and how they will affect divorcing couples.

About 170,000 divorcing couples will be affected each year by important changes in the divorce laws. For the first time it will be possible to petition for divorce after only one year of marriage. At present, couples must wait three years, unless either party can prove he or she is suffering "exceptional hardship" or that the other's behaviour is "exceptionally depraved".

But proving exceptional hardship or depravity led to bitterness and acrimony in court hearings and courts had difficulty in determining exactly what the phrases meant. The courts' descretion, therefore, has been replaced with the absoulte one-year bar.

Under the new laws, contained in the Matrimonial and Family Proceedings Act, 1984, the ground of divorce, irretrievable breakdown of the marriage, stays the same. Courts will have to be satisfied that one or more of these factors apply: adultery, unreasonable behaviour; desertion or separation (for two years if the parties consent; five years if not.) What will change however is the factors courts take into account and the emphasis placed on them, when deciding finacial and property matters. It is likely that the courts will look at the continuation of some existing maintenance orders under the new law and decide those should be brought to an end.

The new provisions end the automatic right of a wife to the so-called "meal ticket to life" from her former husband. The old duty of courts to try to put the parties in the same financial position that they would have been had the divorce not occurred will be scrapped: it was widely held to be impracticable, impossible to achieve and often undesirable.

Now courts will still look at each case on its merits and consider all circumstances such as income, earning capacity, property and financial resources of each party (both present and potential), financial needs and obligations of each; standard of living enjoyed by the family; age of each; length of marriage and any disability of either.

But in addition, courts must now as a first consideration look at the needs of any children. Second, they must put more emphasis on encouraging the spouses to become independent and self-sufficient where that would not cause "undue hardship".

At present divorcees can go to courts to apply to have maintenance orders varied in the light of changed circumstances.

Second, courts will also take into account the conduct of spouses where it will be "inequitable to disregard it". The Governmment says that merely restates the present law, under which courts consider conduct that is "obvious and gross". But critics fear the provision may lead to more disputes in court about whether conduct should or should not be considered.

Critics also fear that wives may suffer under the new laws. But officials in the Lord Chancellor's Department emphasize that a husband will still have a duty to a wife where the marriage has been long, the wife does not wish to remarry and *has no way of supporting* herself.

Tomorrow: The cost

Seatbelt law 'has failed to cut death toll'

The seatbelt law has had no real benefits in keeping death and injury off the road, a chief constable says. Mr Brian Hayes, chief constable of Surrey, reports that 18 more people have been killed and 252 more injured on the county's roads in the first eight months of this year than during the same period in 1983.

Mr Hayes says the figures are inconclusive as to the precise reason for the increase.

He adds that the reduction of machine capacity available to learner motor cycle riders has probably reduced casualties.

School closed after asbestos is discovered

More than 250 children were sent home from school yesterday after an asbestos find.

Workman carrying out renovation on the heating system at College Town Junior School in Sandhurst, Berkshire, discovered that the hot-air system was lined with asbestos. The headmaster and staff were called for an emergency meeting.

Last night work started on ripping out the asbestos. The operation is expected to take 10 days, during which time the pupils will be kept away from the school as a precaution.

Husain receives Mubarak with troops, bagpipes and royal baby

Amman (AP) – President Mubarak of Egypt arrived here yesterday to an embrace from King Husain, who defied hardline Arab states two weeks ago by restoring diplomatic ties with Egypt.

The trip to Jordan is the first by an Egyptian President since Egypt signed the 1979 peace treaty with Israel, an act that prompted 17 Arab countries and the Palestine Liberation Organization to break diplomatic relations with Cairo.

It also is Mr Mubarak's first official state visit to any Arab country since he became President in 1981. He visited Saudi Arabia in 1982 to offer condolences to the Royal Family on the death of King Khalid, but this was not regarded as a state visit.

Jordan announced on September 25 that it would be the first of the 17 Arab states to restore full ties with Egypt. King Husain, whose action was assailed by Syria and Libya, praised Egypt's recent support for Arab causes and cited a need for unity in dealing with Israel.

Mr Mubarak and King Husain reviewed Jordanian troops, who marched past the two leaders to the tune of "Scotland the Brave", played by Jordanian military bagpipers. Mirage F1 jets, their wings tipped with rockets, roared low over the runway in salute.

King Husain and his American-born wife, Queen Noor, met Mr Mubarak. The Queen carried the infant Princess Iman. The two leaders left the airport in a motor procession along a route lined with Egyptian and Jordanian flags.

There was heavy security all over Amman. Troops with submachine guns patrolled the streets.

Mr Mubarak was accompanied by his wife and a delegation including the Foreign Minsiter, Mr Esmat Abdul-Meguid, and other Cabinet ministers.

● CAIRO: President Mubarak's trip to Jordan marks the first in what his aides hope will be a series of state visits to other Arab countries that once rejected Egpt but which now feel there can be no unity without the largest Arab state (AP reports).

Egyptian officials have made clear that they expect Iraq to be the next county to restore formal ties.

●JERUSALEM: Israel's foreign Ministry yesterday protested at a reported statement made in Jordan by President Mubarak's top political adviser, Mr Osama al-Baz. Israel contended that Mr al-Baz had violated the peace treaty with Israel by calling the Jewish state a threat to world peace (AP reports).

A sharply worded statement by the ministry described the remark as "a severe and cynical violation of the spirit of Camp David and the peace treaty". Israel was seeking clarification



In step: King Husain and President Mubarak reviewing Jordanian troops on the arrival of the President at Amman's military airport.

Peres goes shopping for aid

From Our Correspondent, Washington

Mr Shimon Peres, Israel's new Prime Minister, met President Reagan yesterday to discuss further United States aid for his country's troubled economy; and the situation in Lebanon as well as prospects for peace in the Middle East.

Mr Peres arrived here on Monday on his first visit as Prime Minister of the month old national unity coalition between his Labour Party and the Likud coalition of Yitzhak Shamir, the former Prime Minister, who is now Foreign Minister.

Mr Shamir is accompanying Mr Peres during his three days of discussions.

President Reagan and Mr Walter Mondale, the Democratic presidential candidate, have promised to see that Israel keeps its military edge, and to help its ailing economy.

Mr Peres is to meet Mr Mondale in New York today. He held talks with Mr George Shultz, the Secretary of State, on Monday and yesterday morning met Mr Caspar Weinberger, the Defence Secretary,

Mr Weinberger is to attend a Nato nuclear planning group meeting in Stresa, Italy, this week and go on to visit Tunisia, Egypt and Israel for talks.

Mr Peres's meetings here coincide with the three-day visit of President Hosni Husain of Jordan after the recent Jordanian resumption of diplomatic relations with Egypt.

President Reagan is standing by his Middle East peace initiative of September 1, 1982 which Mr Shamir's Likud Government had turned down, but Mr Peres, as opposition leader, had indicated was worth examining.

Apology to F rraro for witch (or bitch) jibe by Mrs Bush

From Bailey Morris
Washington



On the eve of their televised national debate, the American vice-presidential candidates have become embroiled in a controversy over remarks made by Mrs George Bush, the vice-president's wife.

Mrs Bush was forced to apologize publicly to Ms Geraldine Ferraro, her husband's opponent, after newspaper reports that she referred to the Democratic challenger as either a "witch or a bitch".

The incident occurred on a flight to New York for the traditional Columbus Day Parade which both candidates attended. In response to questions about the Bush family's wealth and the low rate of tax paid last year by the Vice-President, Mrs Bush attempted to deflect the criticism by referring to the $3.8m (£3.04m) net worth recently disclosed by Ms Ferraro and her husband

Mrs Bush said that she and her husband did not attempt to play down their wealth, disclosed as $2.1m, "not like that $4m – blank – and I can't say it – but it rhymes with rich."

Later, after widespread comments that rich rhymed with bitch, Mrs Bush disclosed that she had telephoned Ms Ferraro to apologize and tell her she never meant to call her a "witch".

The controversy erupted even as reporters bombarded the Bush campaign staff for information about the allegedly overtaxed "janitor" and "chauffeur" in the Vice-President's service who were elevated to prominence by Mr Walter Mondale's comments the presidential debate on Sunday night, attacking Mr Reagan's tax programme.

Two from Hillary team die on Everest

Katmandu (Reuter, AP) – Two Australian climbers died on Mount Everest yesterday – the third time death has struck a Himalayan expedition led by Mr Peter Hillary, son of the mountain's first conqueror.

Nepal's tourism ministry said Mr Craig Nottle fell to his death during a final bid for the top, and Mr Williams From, who was 28 yesterday, fell while looking for him. Mr Hillary whose father, Sir Edmund Hillary, last week was named New Zealand's High Commissioner to India, has led two previous Himalayan expeditions in which fatal accidents occured.

Meanwhile, Mr Bart Vos on Monday became the first Dutch climber to master Everest, without the help of oxygen.

Golden Temple handed to Sikhs

Delhi (AP) – The Government, trying to improve relations with the Sikhs, returned control of the entire Golden Temple complex in Amritsar to sect leaders and withdrew the last of its security forces, United News of India reported.

An unspecified number of police and paramilitary troops left three buildings in the complex

Banker charged

Lisbon (Reuter) – Dona Maria Branca dos Santos, the 74-year-old grandmother known as "the people's banker", was in a women's prison yesterday charged with fraud and criminal association in connexion with her multimillion dollar unofficial bank.

Lashes for liars

Bahrain (Reuter) – Four Danish mechanics in Saudi Arabia spent 87 days in jail and received 75 lashes each for lying about the death of their Arab cook, the Danish Ambassador in Jiddah said.

Hostages fail

Washington (AP) – The US Supreme Court barred 14 of the 50 Americans held hostage by Iran for more than a year from suing the Iranian Government for damages in US courts.

Sudan strike

Nairobi – Government workers in Juba, southern Sudan, have been on strike for a week because they have not received backdated pay

Challenger crew repair cooling unit

From Mohsin Ali
Washington

The crew of the space shuttle Challenger yesterday worked in high cabin temperatures to repair a faulty cooling system and continued with scientific observations of the Earth's surface and weather.

Nature added to the Challenger's woes on Monday, when the crew of five men and two women spent more than 12 hours without their main communication link with Earth. Cosmic activity had temporarily disrupted a key data transmission satellite.

Monday's satellite trouble occurred as the Challenger's crew trained its radar camera on Earth's deserts, jungles and seas. However, the craft's experimental radar mapper continued to store pictures on recording tape for replay later via satellite.

The crew worked in cabin temperatures which suddenly rose to an uncomfortable 90°F after emptying the crafts waste tanks while their heaters were on to clear ice that may have formed on outside vents.

On the previous shuttle mission, ice had blocked the vents and the crew knocked it off with the shuttle's robot arm.

Protest over Britons held in Nigeria

By Henry Stanhope
Diplomatic Correspondent

An MP protested to the Foreign Office last night over the continuing detention of two Britons without trial in Nigeria since May.

Mr Malcolm Bruce, Liberal MP for Gordon, Aberdeenshire, with the two men's wives, called on Mr Malcolm Rifkind, Minister of State. He said: "It is my belief that the Foreign Office could do more. I think they are concerned about our trade relations with Nigeria. But if this is so it is not good enough when human rights violations are involved."

The men – Mr Angus Paterson and Mr Kenneth Clark – were engineers, working on the maintenance of a private aircraft at Lagos airport before it suddenly took off in breach of a Government embargo.

They were arrested together with their supervisor on suspicion of complicity. But no charges have so far been brought against the engineers, while the supervisor was released two months ago.

The Foreign Office has urged their families to be patient and allow quiet diplomacy.

Pretoria yields on school demands

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

The South African Government yesterday extended an olive branch to rebellious African schoolchildren by announcing the reoping tomorrow of six schools closed last May, and by making other concessions to student demands.

All six of the secondary schools, which have about 6,000 pupils, are in the Atteridgeville township outside Pretoria. They were closed after persistent disruption and boycotts of classes and had not been due to reopen before the start of next year.

Dr Gerrit Viljoen, the Minister for Cooperation, Development and Education, who is in charge of African education also announced that democratically elected student's representative councils would be established at all secondary schools under his department. This covers all schools outside the tribal reserves.

Such councils have been demanded repeatedly by African pupils, and the Governments refusal hitherto to agree to them has been one of the main grievences of student organizations during the many months of urest in African schools.

The Government had argued previously that students could be allowed to elect their own councils only at unlversity level.

Dr Viljoen said that pupils would not be permitted to take over the governing of their schools, but it was essential that they had a greater say in their affairs. He gave warning, however, that the councils must restrict themselves to educational matters.

About 130,000 African pupils, about 8 per cent of the African school population, are still playing truant, most of them in the townships along the river Vaal, 40 miles south of Johannesburg, where serious rioting took more than 50 lives last month.

Meanwhile, Mr Louis Le Grange, the Minister of Law and Order, has announced that troops deployed in support of police in Soweto and some other African areas have been withdrawn.

He said this was because the unrest eased and not because of criticism

EEC committee agrees to UK rebate release

From Ian Murray, Strasbourg

Britain's frozen EEC rebate of £457m should be released, the European Parliament's budget committee agreed yesterday in Strasbourg.

Members are to be asked today by M Pierre Pflimlin, president of the parliament, if they agree to this. He will be able to sign the order releasing the money if there is no call for a vote.

The budget committee of the old Parliament did agree in July that the money should be released, but this was overturned by the newly-elected Parliament, which continued to hold the money until the Council of Ministers agreed to find extra cash for Community running costs this year.

A supplementary budget of £600m was agreed by the council last week, meeting the Parliament's case. Britain, however, made it clear it would not pay its £120m share of this budget unless the Parliament first released the frozen rebate.

M Jean-Pierre Cot, chairman of the budget committee, said yesterday there was no need for a vote of the full house to release the money, although the final decision would have to be taken by M Pflimlin.

The rebate, if released, could push up the value of sterling on foreign exchanges.

Guerrillas accept Duarte olive branch

From John Carlin, San Salvador

El Salvador's guerrillas have accepted a proposal by President Duarte to hold peace talks at the highest level next week. Should the meeting go ahead between governments and rebel leaders, it will be unprecendented in El Salvador's five years of civil war.

The left-wing Farabundo Marti National Liberation Front announced on one of its clandestine Radio Venceremos, stations yesterday that its leaders agreed to take part in the proposed talks, scheduled for Monday in the guerrilla-controlled town of La Palma, which is in the mountains of northern El Salvador, 45 miles from the capital.

In response to President Duarte's offer, made unexpectedly on Monday in a speech before the United Nations General Assembly, the FMLN leadership said it wanted to talk both with the President and officers of the armed forces high command.

Radio Venceremos said there should be a six-mile radius military limitation zone around La Palma on the day of the talks, to which, the broadcast said, four representatives would be sent: two laders of the military FMLN and two of its political diplomatic wing, the Democratic Revolution Front.

Observers believe this could yet prove an obsticle to the talks taking place, given that President Duarte said on Monday that he wanted to talk only to the FMLN leaders, whom he considers to be the real power in the rebel front.

The rebels also said in their broadcast that they wanted as mediator in the negotiations President Belisario Betancur of Colombia, who recently signed peace accords with his own country's guerrilla movement. Agreeing with President Duarte, the FMLN said it wanted the national and international press to be present at the talks to lend "trustworthiness" to the proceedings.

FMLN-FDR forces contacted in Mexico City emphasized concern about security arrangements for the proposed talks and, generally, said they had some reservations about the sincerity of President Duarte's



motives. The rebels, like El Salvador's extreme right, regard Señor Duarte as a man possessed of messianic delusions, who loves to be in the limelight.

Rebel spokesmen in Mexico were concerned that President Duarte might have chosen the UN setting to pull off a *coup de theatre* whose end was more self-dramatization than an earnest desire for serous negotiations.

They were mystified as to why otherwise President Duarte should have chosen this moment for talks, especially when he had turned down an offer of dialogue "without preconditions" made by the FMLN-FDR just after the general elections in May.

A prominent right-wing business leader in San Salvador, who declined to be identified, said he suspected President Reagan may have been behind President Duarte's offer of talks. It was timed to coincide with the run-up to the US elections and was designed, as the business leader said, to deflect any criticism Mr Walter Mondale, the Democratic challenger, may have made of the White House's aggressive military policies in Central America. If that is the case, the business leader said, it was "a master move".

The powerful, right-wing National Private Enterprise Association surprisingly welcomed President Duarte's initiative, but said the rebels must not be invited to share power in the Government, and that they should be only given the chance to enter the political electoral process.

The US Embassy in San Salvador said the same things, while officially welcoming the proposed talks.

The Archbishop of San Salvador, the most conciliatory figure in El Salvador in recent years, said he was "happy" at President Duarte's proposals, but said, as the rebel spokesmen did, that the La Palma meeting must be the first in a series of negotiations aimed at hammering out El Salvador's complex and long-standing social and political problems.

● REBEL CLAIM: The broadcast by the rebels said Senor Duarte's announcement was in response to a "private letter" the ENLN had sent the President on May 18 this year. It also said the Archbishop of San Salvador, who acted as an intermediary, carried the missive (AP reports).

The broadcast did not give the names of rebel delegates at the talks.

Señor Duarte's only condition for the talks was that the participants be unarmed. Previously he has insisted that the guerrilla movement put down its arms before talks could start.

The agreement to talk comes amid US claims that the guerillas are losing ground.



Peace offer: Señor Duarte addressing the UN on Monday.

French food group cuts prices for the poor

From Diana Geddes Paris

The French political limelight has suddenly shifted away from rather esoteric technical subjects, such as proportional representation, political cohabitation, and referenda on referenda, to the increasing problem of what has been dubbed the *nouveaux pauvres*. Poverty is "in", and everyone is jumping on the bandwagon.

The latest to do so is the Centres Leclerc, one of the largest and most successful supermarket chains in France, with more than 500 outlets. The chain has just announced a series of measures to help the *nouveaux pauvres*, including the sale of basic foods, such as milk, butter and sugar at cost price, special discounts on all products for the unemployed, and meals for 10 francs (85p).

M Edouard Leclerc, president and founder of the chain, had originally announced that food would actually be given away free to those who were hungry. But it was quickly realized that it would be too difficult to distinguish between the truly needy and the professional scroungers.

Instead, food will be given either free or at a considerably reduced rate, to the charitable organizations

The problem of the growing ranks of poor people is nevertheless real. Unlike Britain, there is no financial safety net in France for those in genuine need.

Coup leaders will stand trial next week in Grenada

From Christopher Thomas, St George's, Grenada

Eighteen men and a woman accused of murdering Maurice Bishop, the former Prime Minister of Grenada; several Cabinet ministers and others, are due to stand trial in the island's capital on Tuesday.

All pleaded not guilty before the Grenada Assises yesterday. Conviction for murder carries a mandatory death penalty.

The accused include Hudson Austin, who styled himself as a general in the Grenada People's Revolutionary Army, and Bernard Coard, the Deputy Prime Minister in Mr Bishop's Cabinet. The so-called People's Revolutionary Government was overthrown by the United States-led invasion of the Caribbean island on October 25 last year.

Six days earier Mr Bishop was ousted in a coup headed by Mr Coard and Mr Austin. Mr Coard's wife, Phyllis, is among those accused of murder.

Mr Bishop, who aligned his Marxist regime with Cuba, died during the coup in confused circumstances in a hail of gun fire along with Unison Whiteman, the Foreign Minister; Jacqueline Creft, Education Minister; Norris Bain, Housing Minister; and Vincent Noel, leader of the Grenada General Workers' Union.

The exact number of other people killed in the coup has never been established.

The trial comes at a time of unaccustomed political activity in Grenada in the run-up to a general election on December 3. It is likely to improve the chances of the Grenada National Party, a new centrist alliance of three political groupings.

The case, which is expected to reveal the depth of involvement of the Bishop regime with Cuba is likely to lessen the impact of the Maurice Bishop Patriotic Movement, which has Cuban links.



General Austin: headed coup against regime.

Scores of witnesses are expected to be called by both sides during the trial, which is expected to last at least six weeks.

It should for the first time clarify what happened on October 19 – the day of the coup – and may also shed some light on what actually happened to Mr Bishop's body.

Solidarity men sued for £500,000 funds

From Roger Boyes, Warsaw

In an unprecedented move, Poland's pro-government trade unions have decided to sue two underground Solidarity leaders for the return of 80m zloties (over £500,000) of union funds, the Government spokesman said here yesterday.

The court case seems set to usher in a bitter round of feuding between official unionists and supporters of the clandestine Solidarity opposition.

Just before martial law was declared on December 13, 1981, Wroclaw Solidarity activists, acting on a tip off, withdrew the whole of the Solidarity funds for the Lower Silesian region.

These funds were then probably used to subsidize the underground struggle against General Jaruzelski, financing the printing of leaflets and taking care of relatives of interned or arrested trade unionists. The Solidarity free trade union was officially banned on October 8, 1982 – before it was officially suspended – and the new trades unions were allowed to acquire the property of all dissolved unions.

Mr Jerzy Urban, the Governement spokesman, told reporters that a civil case had been opened against two regional Solidarity leaders : Mr Jozef Pinior and Mr Piotr Bednarz – in an attempt to reclaim the funds.

Mr Pinior is currently serving a two-mongh jail term imposed by an administrative court after he laid flowers on August 31 to mark the fourth anniversary of the birth of Solidarity. Mr Bednarz is seriously ill in hospital.

Mr Lech Walesa, the chairman of Solidarity, issued a statement to comemorate the banning of Solidarity two years ago. "Solidarity still exists as an organization, it simply cannot act officially", he said. "We only demand pluralism, that is the possibility to act in accordance with the will of trade unionists. This is a right supported by the International Labour Organization convention No 87, which was ratified by the Polish Government."

Official newspapers said yesterdy that more than 4.6 million Poles had joined the new trades unions

Rifkind to break ice

By Our Diplomatic Correspondent

The Foreign Office will announce shortly that Mr Malcolm Rifkind, a Minister of State, is to visit Poland next month. It will be the first ministerial visit since martial law was introduced there three years ago.

It will be the "ice-breaker" in relations between Poland and Western Europe which has continued to show its disapproval of Poland's treatment of supporters of the banned Solidarity trade union. Martial law was lifted in the country last year.

Herr Hans-Dietrich Genscher and Signor Giulio Andreotti, the foreign ministers of West Germany and Italy, are also planning visits to Warsaw later this year.

Mr Andreas Papandreou, the Greek Prime Minister who never gave Poland the cold shoulder in the first place, is due there later this month.

Kremlin's chiefs meet this month

From Richard Owen Moscow

The Soviet Central Committee is to meet in extraordinary session by the end of this month, Soviet and East European sources here have confirmed. But there are indications that the plenum will dicuss policy issues rather than make leadership changes, although personnel changes are not ruled out.

Mr Vadim Zagladin, a senior party official, yesterday confirmed during talks with visiting French journalists that the Central Committee was to meet before its regular November session and indicated the theme would be the state of Soviet agriculture.

Mr Viktor Afanasyev, the editor of *Pravda*, told Japanese journalists the plenum could also deal with personnel changes, but denied that Mr Chernenko's position was at risk. He said Mr Chernenko was in good health and working

Observers said agriculture was a pressing issue after a series of bad harvests, but that to convene the 300-member Central Committee this month and then again in November suggested that other matters might be decided.

Unconfirmed reports of the plenum first surfaced two weeks ago, giving rise to suggestions that there might be a Politburo reshuffle.

A Central Committee plenum is normally held twice a year, on the eve of the spring and winter Supreme Soviet sessions. It decides policies which are then rubber-stamped by the 1,500 Supreme Soviet deputies.

Flights hit by strike in Iceland

Reykjavik (AP) – Pickets blockaded the gates of Keflavik international airport yesterday, delaying international flights for four hours, as a civil service strike kept much of Iceland paralysed for the fifth straight day.

No progress was reported after a brief meeting between Government nogotiators and representatives of the 17,000-member Federation of State and Municipal Workers demanding wage rises of up to 30 per cent.

Coal crisis

Moscow (AEP) – Soviet coal stocks are inadequate for both industry and private homes this winter and the situation in the energy sector is "tense", *Pravoa* said.

Test tube twins

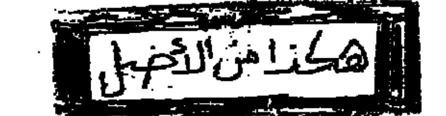
Berlin (Reuter) – East Germany's first test tube babies, twin boys, were born here on Friday. Two more East German test tube babies are expected in the next two months.

Steel strike

Lisbon (Reuter) – Portugal's state-owned steel industry was paralysed yesterday by a 24-hour strike, the second in two months to protest against the dismissal and disciplining of workers.

Snakes alive

Rennes, France (AFP) – Small children were forced to flee their school in the Bretton village of Tronchet when it was invaded by 80 snakes.



Iraqi envoy reprimanded over Britons' deaths in Exocet raid on tanker

By Henry Stanhope, Diplomatic Correspondent

The Iraqi ambassador was summoned to the Foreign Office in London to hear a formal protest over the attack on a supertanker in the Gulf in which two British officers were killed.

Dr Abdul Wahbi Al-Qaraghull spent 40 minutes with Mr Stephen Egerton, and assistant under-secretary in charge of Middle East affairs, who told him that Britain deplored the raid, as it did all such assaults on neutral shipping.

The Britons were named last night as Chief Engineer Ulo Vosa, of Coulsdon, Surrey and Second Engineer Clive Donaldson, of Denny, Stirlingshire.

They were among six who died and nine who were injured when the 114,000-ton Liberian-registered World Knight was hit by an air-launched Exocet missile as it was approaching the Iranian oil terminal at Kharg Island.

Three other British officers, the master the chief officer and the junior second engineer, were unhurt.

The World Knight was said last night to be at anchor off the Iranian port of Bushehr after the fire caused by the attack had been extinguished. The ship is expected to be towed elsewhere for damage assesment.

British protested to Iraq last month when three British divers were killed in attack on a West German supply ship.

Monday's raid was the first in the Gulf for three weeks.

● MINE HUNT ENDS: Five British minehunters which had been working with other navies in the Gulf of Suez and the Red Sea have finished their task and are expected to leave for home next weekend.

French and American teams which had been helping Egypt to sweep the area after 18 mystery explosions which started in July, have already gone.

The Royal Navy ships which are now clearing up at the end of the operation discovered one Soviet-made mine last month. The Libyans are suspected of being responsible for laying the mines, but have denied it.

Low Gulf losses please insurers

By Michael Baily
Transport Editor

Missile attacks	83
Total losses	2
Tankers hit	15
Serious fires and explosions	44
Fatal incidents	21
Fatalities	68

Despite the losses in Monday's attack on the World Knight, shipowners and underwriters have been amazed at the comparatively low casualty rate from missile hits on ships in the Gulf.

Of more than 80 ships hit by Exocets or other missiles since early 1981, only two have been completely destroyed. Nearly half the hits have not resulted in serious fires and explosions and in three quarters there has been no loss of life. Sixty-eight seafarers have now lost their lives in more than four years of hostilities – fewer than the number of ships hit.

The reasons for this are beginning to emerge after intense study by shipping and defence experts. They are:

1. Modern tankers are of extremely robust construction, with skins of high-tensile steel over an inch thick.

2. Most laden tankers in the Gulf carry crude oil rather than refined products. This is not only far less flammable, but so viscous that it slows down and softens the impact of the missile.

3. Modern tankers are fitted with "inert gas" fire protection systems, preventing the formation of a flammable mixture.



Changing her tune

The Chinese opera singer Ma Li Liang, better known as Hung Hung, denouncing communism at a press conference in Taipei yesterday, her first public appearance since she defected to Taiwan earlier this year.

President Chiang Ching-kuo called the Sino-British agreement on Hongkong a fraud

Cabinet officials said Vice-Premier Lin Yang-kang would head a government committee to protect Taiwanese interests in Hongkong.

González mediation secures two-year pay deal for Spain

From Our Own Correspondent, Madrid

Señor Felipe Gonzalez, the Spanish Prime Minister, yesterday signed a two-year "social compact" with captains of industry and Socialist-led trade unions. The compact, the result of months of difficult negotiations, is to last until 1986.

The accord provides for limited wage restraint and is intended to stimulate private investment in order to create more jobs.

Last week, the Prime Minister had to intervene in the negotiations personally. Although he succeeded in saving the negotiations from breaking down, he could not avoid compromise on some important issues.

While employers' representatives spoke yesterday of a "new realism" in the Socialist Government's approach to the economy, some observers here questioned the practical results of the compact.

The Communist-run workers' commission did not join the accord and said they would mobilize the workers against some of its provisions.

The employers and the union failed to reach agreement on the key issue of hiring and firing workers under the present rigid labour laws of Spain and decided to leave the problem in abeyance.

The Spanish Confederation of Employers' Organizations (EOE), and the Socialist-led General Union of Labour (UGT) will now prepare proposals to put before the Government over the next six months.

Señor José Cuevas, CEOE's new president and one of the signatories of the compact, said the Government has promised new labour legislation but Seõr Joaquin Almuni, the Minister for Labour, who negotiated the compact, denied Communist claims and promised that Spain will never have dismissals without guaranteed compensation.

The main part of the compact provides for wage increases of between 5.5 per cent and 7 per cent next year and between 4.5 and 6.5 per cent in 1986.

By cutting the contributions made by the employers to social security, tax concessions on investment and a promise not to increase either direct company or personal tax levels, Señor Miguel Boyer, the Economics Minister, hopes to stimulate the creation of new jobs.

But there are no lavish promises in the compact of the kind made by the Socialists in their 1982 election campaign and experts doubt if the official foreseen growth rates of the gross national product will allow the creation of new jobs.

On the other hand, the Government has promised the trade unions to extend unemployment benefits to cover up to half the population by 1986.

Saragossa papal visit marks New World link

From Richard Wigg
Madrid

The Pope will make a 16-hour visit to Saragossa today on his way to Santa Domingo to underline symbolically Spain's contribution to the evangelization of the new world, as part of the five-hundreth anniversary celebrations of the discovery of America.

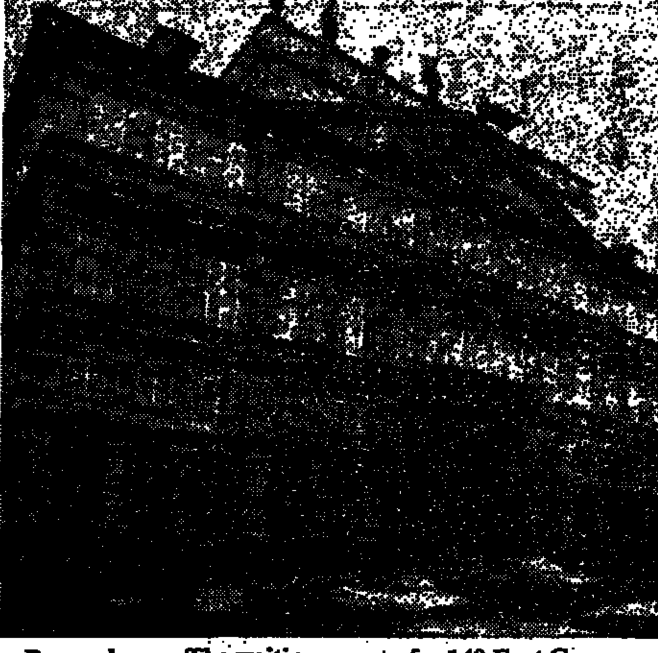
But the Pope, who is to make two speeches, one this evening, and a second tomorrow morning before flying on to Central America, will also have an opportunity to pronounce on contoversial tropics like abortion and religious education on which Spanish Catholics and the Socialist Government have clashed.

The Pope made a 10-day visit to Spain in 1982, delaying the trip until after the October general election won by the Socialists. At that time he moderated his tone except for a condemnation of all abortions.

The Government has since put on the Statute Book laws to legalize abortion under certain circumstances, and on freedom of education, which would give priority to improving state education voer subsidizing church run schools.

Both laws have been taken by the Oppositon before Spain's constitutional court.

King Juan Carlos and Queen Sofia will be at Saragossa airport this evening to welcome the Pope.



Prague haven: The waiting goes on for 140 East German refugees behind the embassy's shuttered doors.

Embassy refugees wait for Honecker concession

From Michael Binyon, Bonn

East German refugees and their children were seen by television viewers here walking in the gardens of the West German Embassy in Prague on Monday, but no progress appears to have been made in talks to secure their emigration to the West.

The Bonn Government maintained silence on the delicate negotiations with East Berlin, but the situation yesterday looked increasingly intractable. Conditions for the 140 or so people believed to be in the embassy are becoming barely supportable, but the East German Government is thought to have been warned by Mr Andrei Gromyko, the Soviet Foreign Minister, not to make any concessions to Bonn. In the wake of the public disagreement between Moscow and East Berlin earlier this year, the issue is being seen as a test of East German intentions towards West Grmany.

Mr Gromyko held talks with Herr Erich Honecker, the East German leader, on Monday, during which they condemned the "activation of revanchist forces" in West Germany and spoke of the strain this caused in relations with Warsaw Pact countries. Referring obliquely to Herr Honecker's abandonment of his conciliatory line towards Bonn, a joint statement called for the need to coordinate foreign poicy.

Bild newspaper, which has been following the Prague Embassy crisis closely, maintained yesterday that East Berlin had made the passage of the refugees to the West conditional on Bonn making building alterations to all its embassies in Eastern Europe to prevent further escapes.

Czechoslovakia, the only country East Germans are able to travel to freely was tightening controls at the border and turning away travellers suspected of trying to reach the Prague Embassy.

The Czechoslovak police who blocked access to the baroque embassy building near Prague Castle over the weekend have been withdrawn.

West German television has carried interviews with some of the refugee families who were waiting near the shuttered doors to the embassy, and showed pictures of the iron railings through which families squeezed their children before climbing back over the gardens at the back.

West German security guards are understood to be patrolling the embassy grounds to stop a repetition.

Before leaving for China Chancellor Helmut Kohl said he and his Government were doing everything possible but could not say anything in public. Bonn has said the only way the pressure to emigrate from East Germany could be reduced would be for the Government in East Berlin to ease travel restrictions.

Child refugees starving to death in Zaire

Geneva (AP) – The plight of about 30,000 Angolan refugees in Zaire is so bad that "100 per cent to the kids are dying", according to a spokesman for the the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

He said almost half of the Angolans in the camps of Zaire remote Shaba region are children. Most of them are suffering from "kwashiorkar," a disease which robs the body of vitamins and causes bloated stomachs and skin sores.

"It is tragically simple – you get sick; you die" Mr Michael Barton, the spokesman, said.

Recently-arrived refugees had told him they were fleeing from a new push by Unita rebel forces into northern Angola.

The commission's emergency assistance programme cannot supply food and medicine in time

He said 175 tons of corn had recently arrived in Lubumbashi, but transportation problems would delay distribution to the refugees, until mid-November.

Chun demands late apology on Rangoon bomb

Seoul (AP) – President Chun Doo-Hwan demanded yesterday that North Korea admit responibility and apoligize for the bombing attack on his entourage a year ago in Burma, saying it was "a treasonous, warlike and uncivilized crime."

The demand came is a statement marking the anniversary of the bombing in rangoon, which missed President Chun but killed 17 South Koreans, including four Cabinet members, during his official visit to Burma, four Burmese journalists also died in the blast on October 9 last year.

A monument for the 17 bomb victims was also unveiled yesterday in a memorial service attended by bereaved family members, members of the cabinet and foreign diplomats.

President Chun's criticism came after communist-ruled North Korea shipped tons of food, textiles and construction materials two ago to aid the pro-west South after it was battered by a typhoon.

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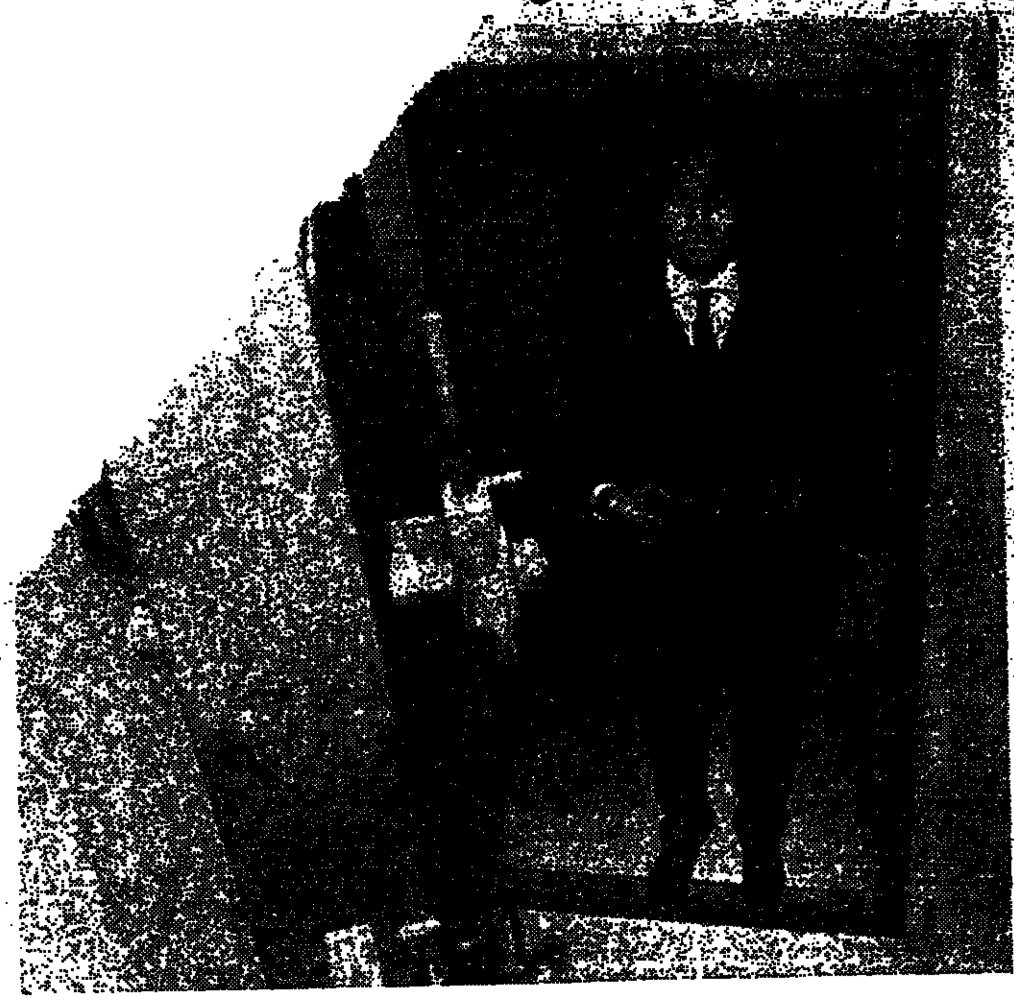
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Replies came from two anaesthetists, a neurologist and more than one surgeon. One of them said: "There is nothing so useless as a dead surgeon". Mr Emin took the point.

"We have nearly a full complement," he says, "but I am not sure they fit the criteria. When we advertised it was to see if there was a market. There is nothing attractive about people with money who merely want to be looked after. We will be advertising again for people with skills. If you advertised a place for £6,000 and someone said, 'Here is my £6,000' I wouldn't take it that easily." Mr Emin would first see what the applicant could do. Was he helpful? Did he realize he might be killed by people wanting to come in?

He wants his team to have mechanical, agricultural and horticultural skills, among others. The first few members he would pick himself, then let them choose the rest. Though he has a private pilot's licence and drives a Rolls-Royce, Mr Emin is modest. "I'm a builder and innovator, not captain of an underground submarine." He would not want to be in charge of the Balcombe bunker when it comes into use.

He wants the shelter to be run by a committee, but says there should be someone chosen with authority capable of overruling a decision and intervening if tempers rise.

One of the more difficult policy decisions only Mr Emin can take is how many of his enormous family he should reserve places for. He thinks that with tact, he could limit numbers to 25 of the most immediate, favouring the young and healthy. He is also offering six places to local people – one a farmer, the other a woodman – and their families.

Mr Emin becomes mysterious when asked about the woodman, but says the man knows the district well and could help to keep out uninvited guests.

That could be difficult. Mr Emin says he knows of one man already who has said he would be prepared to get a gun and kill to gain entrance to the shelter, if he was not chosen. Would shelter folk fire back? "We might have guns for shooting rabbits", Mr Emin says, "but as for shooting people, God forbid."

Instead, he wants to put a fortified house above the now completed shelter structure, with armoured shutters to let down behind windows and steel-strengthened oak door. The house would serve as a doomsday ante-room, where people on the guest-list could wait during the growing crisis.

Then they would go down 20 steps past a 10in thick door, Swiss-designed, like the rest of the key equipment – escape hatches, ventilators and filters. After watchmaking and banking, the Swiss are famous for shelter-making. The guests first enter the decontamination chamber, where one of two showers in the shelter is to be installed and radio-active dust can be washed off. Two diesel engines provide power for electric light, hot water, pumps, air-conditioning, cooking and refrigeration.

They enter what Mr Colin Croft, chairman of the Federation of Nuclear Shelter Consultants and Contractors, calls a de luxe shelter. He says of Mr Emin's standards: "You could get a Mini or a Rolls-Royce. He is in the Rolls-Royce game."

The main living room, where guests will spend most of their time, is already fitted with a tasteful, £3,000 hardwood ceiling. Glass fibre behind the sheets of plastic steel decorating the wall prevents condensation and helps acoustics. A carpet has yet to be laid, but there is wiring for quadrophonic sound and Mr Emin has plans for the screening of pictures to remind people of what the outside world looked like before they arrived.

To help sleep, the purest air circulates in the bunkroom, where there is room for 25 at a time, in shifts. There are two lavatories. Water comes from a spring-fed well.

How safe is the shelter? Mr Emin claims that a one-megaton bomb hitting the ground two miles away would shake and bodily move the shelter but not damage it. The 2ft thick ceiling weighs 150 tons, and the top of the roof is one metre below the ground level. The lagged walls are a foot thick. The concrete of the structure is reinforced with steel.

To keep in touch with other survivors, the shelter will be fitted with radio receivers and a transmitter. Mr Emin knows about the devastating surge of power from an electro-magnetic pulse following a nuclear explosion and is taking precautions.

He cannot say how much his shelter cost because so much of it has been spare time work and it is a prototype. But to put up one like it would cost about £150,000 and probably as much again to fit it out, he says.

Does he think he will need to use his shelter? "Yes, no argument", Mr Emin replies.

Kitchen area
MAIN ROOM
Projection screen
Excess pressure valve
Shower
Toilets
SLEEPING AREA
Blast protection valve
ENGINE ROOM
Armoured main door
AIRLOCK & DECONTAMINATION ROOM
Reinforced concrete shell
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Home comforts in the holocaust: The shelter in detail



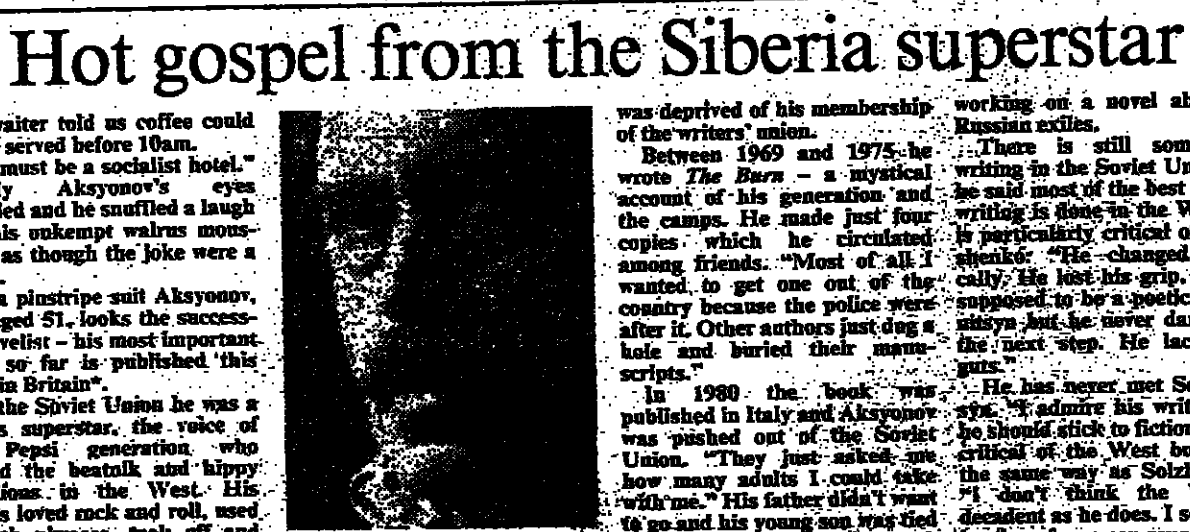
The man and his creation: Mr Emin with his shelter under construction in the garden

Why nuclear shelters are booming

The recent television programmes have prompted a surge in demand for private nuclear shelters. There are probably about 800 throughout the country, not including do-it-yourself shelters provided by individuals for themselves from a range displayed by the Home Office in 1981. A revised edition of *Protect and Survive*, the government civil defence booklet, is expected to include updated shelter design. The Home Office is to ask councils to survey buildings suitable for communal protection.

Public interest has also been captured by *The Defence Diaries of W. Morgan Petty*, edited by Brian Bethell, a satire which tells how he turns his home into a nuclear-free zone, and takes over responsibility for his own security. The diaries have sold 10,000 in hardback so far. *The Journal of Practical Civil Defence* provides more serious guidance. A bi-monthly, its 5,000 circulation is said to be rising.

Hot gospel from the Siberia superstar



Aksyonov: Proud to be called Christian and liberal

The waiter told us coffee could not be served before 10am.

"It must be a socialist hotel." Vassily Aksyonov's eyes twinkled and he snuffled a laugh into his unkempt walrus moustache as though the joke were a secret.

In a pinstripe suit Aksyonov, now aged 51, looks the successful novelist – his most important work so far is published this week in Britain*.

In the Soviet Union he was a sixties superstar, the voice of the Pepsi generation who echoed the beatnik and hippy rebellions in the West. His heroes loved rock and roll, used English phrases, took off and travelled rather than climb up the rungs and through the hoops of the system.

Now he could be mistaken for an adapted hippy, a character from *The Big Chill*. But whatever chill his generation, East or West, feels now is but a mild breeze compared with the icy wastes of his childhood.

His father was mayor of Kazan, a provincial town on the Volga, when Stalin's winter began. Both his parents were taken off to a labour camp in Siberia when he was four.

"The police came and put seals on some of our rooms. They just closed off part of our house. I was left with my grandmother and nanny. I wasn't told where my parents had gone."

He was taken to an orphanage for children of the imprisoned and remembers being taken by train with two other children in a sealed compartment with a KGB nurse.

He was rescued by a brave uncle who had already lost his job as a result of his father's disgrace, and brought up by his aunt. He did not meet his mother again until he was 16 and they then lived together in internal exile at Magadan in Siberia. They had not been told whether his father was alive or dead until the end of the war.

He shook his head and laughed as he recalled that father was still a convinced party member when he was released. "He thought Stalin had made a mistake but he begged me, 'Don't touch Lenin'.

"He met him several times and believed Lenin would introduce democracy into Russia. He still remains a Marxist-Leninist.

"It is a problem with the old men who run the country today. They have great nostalgia for the thirties, when their ideas were formed and when they were busy getting into power."

His mother, the writer [illegible] Ginsburg, had in fact been a Trotskyist but, in all those years in the camps the authorities never discovered it.

In the early sixties Aksyonov began to write about his generation. At once he became extremely popular and acquired a reputation for being controversial which allowed him more latitude than other writers.

Whatever he wrote was immediately snapped up and the literary establishment in Moscow became concerned that he was spreading western dreams and ideas.

"It all came to an end finally in 1968 with the invasion of Czechoslovakia – I remember it well, it was the day after my birthday."

The authorities objected more and more as he wanted to write about the untouchables – the camps, alcoholism, drugs and sex: "Russia is a very puritanical society . . . not in reality, but the authorities are very puritanical.

"They also wanted me to add things – propaganda and moralizing." Fewer and fewer of his works were published and he was deprived of his membership of the writers' union.

Between 1969 and 1975 he wrote *The Burn* – a mystical account of his generation and the camps. He made just four copies which he circulated among friends. "Most of all I wanted to get one out of the country because the police were after it. Other authors just dug a hole and buried their manuscripts."

In 1980 the book was published in Italy and Aksyonov was pushed out of the Soviet Union. "They just asked me how many adults I could take with me." His father didn't want to go and his young son was tied up with his studies, so he left with his second wife and her daughter and went to a teaching post in America. Four months later his citizenship was removed and he is now stateless.

If he had stayed? "I would be alive in my body, but as a writer I would be dead."

Now he writes in Russian but hopes in time he will write in English as well. He is currently working on a novel about the Russian exiles.

There is still some good writing in the Soviet Union, but he said most of the best Russian writing is done in the West. He is particularly critical of Yevtushenko: "He changed drastically. He lost his grip. He was supposed to be a poetic Solzhenitsyn but he never dared take the next step. He lacked the guts."

He has never met Solzhenitsyn. "I admire his writings but he should stick to fiction." He is critical of the West but not in the same way as Solzhenitsyn: "I don't think the West is decadent as he does. I see it as a bastion of common sense."

Now he describes himself as orthodox Christian and liberal. "I am proud of that word. It has been distorted for political reasons but I believe in it. But I am not a political writer."

Richard Dowden

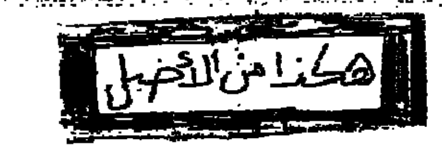
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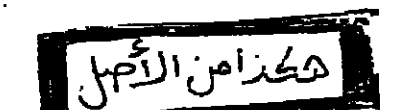
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Moans of the middle-aged male

Yvonne Roberts has interviewed a selection of 35-year-old men who she thinks show how much sex equality exists in today's society – but Bryan Appleyard is not so sure

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In these terms it might be tempting to accept this type of book as a harmless work of the imagination, rather like one of those sad little quizzes which appear in women's magazines to test your sexiness. They share a strange underlying seriousness – a kind of threat that to ignore them might mean you are – horror – *missing out*!

But there are bits of real people in these pages, pouring out bits of what they have been led to believe are their ideas. Furthermore they – and we – are being told they are participating in a struggle. "On reading this book", writes Ms Roberts, "some men might realize that the struggle for equality is *their* struggle too."

And, throughout the interviews there is that persistent note of sacrifice, of fighting through to some Utopian goal. Far from being harmless this all suggests there is an alarming touch of fanaticism at work here. You, the victims are being told, fit into these headlines, these categories, or else you are pointless.

But it is the categories that are pointless. Somebody who never helps with the washing up is being mean whatever his or her sex, similarly, anybody who is sexually inconsiderate is demonstrating inadequacy whatever his or her age, sex or historical destiny.

To reduce such matters to the level of ideology or preconceived contemporary notions is to suppress the underlying moral framework which is invariably a good deal more obvious and more healthy.

Ms Roberts begins her book with a quotation from Dorothy Parker:

Woman lives but in her lord;
Count to ten and man is bored.
With this the gist and sum of it.
What earthly good can come of it?

Her answer would seem to be to replace Parker's cocktail lounge disillusion with a clear, feminist optimism which believes it can suppress those sadly noted differences with "equality". It is a cause of a sort, a sense of a common wrong which keeps the journalistic ball rolling.

Really Ms Roberts would have been better starting with another quotation from W. B. Yeats – okay a man – about two women who had wasted their lives on that most trivial and futile of all ideologies – nationaliam.

Dear shadows, now you know it all,
All the folly of a fight
With a common wrong or right.
The innocent and the beautiful
Have no enemy but time;

But then she would not have been able to write another word and we should have been deprived of those giants of modern fiction: Scott and Bill and Frederic and James.

Man Enough: Men of 35 Speak Out, to be published on Thursday by Chatto & Windus: The Hogarth Press, £10.95 hardback, £4.95 paperback.

Yvonne Roberts: Hoping her book offers men some insight

The everyday stories of an author's chosen few

Robbie McGregor, personnel services manager, Derby

[illegible] *making things funny all the time.*

[illegible] when I come to work [illegible] for a pint I really dominate the conversation a lot with jokes and stories. I feel I've had so many funny things happen to me. I've a lot of stories to tell [illegible]. One thing I am very lucky [illegible] is white teeth. It's [illegible] even the dog has [illegible]

Richard Ware, salesman, Stoke-on-Trent

□ "We sent our children to private school only because the local schools are so 'ee by gum lass'," he says, explaining that Stoke is much more class-conscious than London. "Some of the parents are pleasant enough, but some make a point that they are seen arriving in their Mercedes. You're told they've got electric doors on their garage, things like that.

"Well, I'd put electric doors on the garage if they were needed, and I wouldn't if they weren't. I wouldn't go around telling the neighbours. I'm not much into status things. I suppose those that have made money [illegible] want everybody to know. All right, you may accuse me of that, a monogram on the shirt – but I [illegible] that way."

Michael Proudlock, a London restaurateur

□ *"There are times when I could take more interest in the children", he admits. "If I come back from the restaurant and I'm feeling awful I don't want anything to do with them.*

"I suppose there are times when I won't make enough effort for other people when I should do. I know the only thing my parents used to criticize me for was not thinking about other people. I do try now but I must admit I don't always do it.

"I do often do what I want to do rather than what other people want [illegible]," he adds [illegible] proudly. "I'm perfect.

"The worst [illegible] would be [illegible] coming to family lunch. The whole thing is one non-stop thing of putting each other down."

George Hyatt, Master of the South Devon Hunt

□ "It's sport the hounds want and that's why they are devoted to me. I show them sport. They'll follow me through the middle of London. I could take my hounds through Piccadilly in the rush hour and I wouldn't lose one. I could never see me walking out on them. Somehow they make me feel good. If they could talk, I wouldn't need friends. I'm their boss and I'm very jealous of that.

"I don't let other people touch them. I've only just let one of the whippers-in take the hounds [illegible] they know I'm the Master. If he walks left [illegible] walk right, they follow me. I'd like a wife now but she could only become involved with the hounds on a staff basis. She'd have to come behind the hounds."

ALAN FRANKS' DIARY

Enter God – doing the back stroke

First Child: "Does God go to the Richmond Swimming Baths?"

Father (an atheist): "Not as far as I know. Why?"

First Child: "I think he was there on Saturday."

Father: "What makes you say that?"

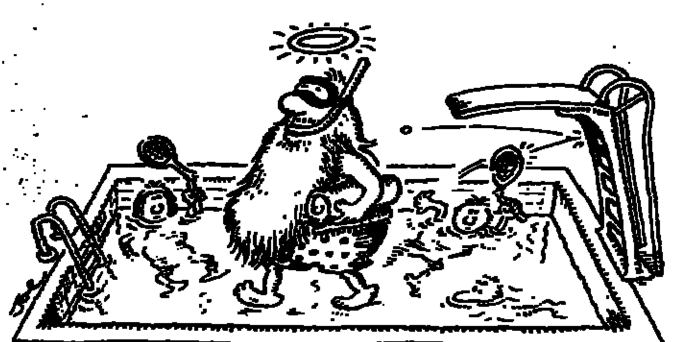
First Child: "He was very old and had a white beard."

Second Child: "That's Mr Sanderson from the library."

First Child: "I know it was God, because he suddenly disappeared."

Second Child: "No he didn't. He was just swimming underwater."

Etc etc. This time the transcript comes not from my own household but from that of a near neighbour. He and his wife have been thrown into something like consternation since the arrival of the new Swedish au pair, a *jolie laide* with one of those impossible names held together by umlauts and funny dipthongs.



Despite the bloom of extreme innocence on her cheeks, she apparently turns into a fundamentalist ranter at bed time, promising these children a fate worse than damnation if they talk after lights out. As a result, God is suddenly everywhere. He has entered their lives (not quite in the way which He would have chosen), and has become a subject of curiosity.

First Child: "Why doesn't God have a wife?"

Father (uncertain): "I don't think he needs one."

First Child: "He's dead isn't he?"

Father: "Possibly."

Second Child: "His son didn't want a mother."

First Child: "You can't have children without a mother."

Second Child: "God is different."

First Child: "He put the seed in a mummy's tummy."

Second Child: "Is that right, Daddy?"

Father: "Bed time now children."

First Child: "Daddy doesn't believe in God."

And so on and so forth. The whole business has had a radical influence on First Child's art. He now draws, not pretty little double-fronted houses with wisteria clambering up to the eaves, but visions of Hell, spied from above; his latest oeuvre is a cross between a squash court with a wierd tripartite match in progress and a set for Sartre's *Huis Clos*. The rear court is dominated by an ageing man with a beard, before whom two small children are disporting themselves in swimming trunks, broken rackets in hand. It is all very ironic given that the au pair was meant to ease the daily round of the menage.

A new family has moved into the neighbourhood. I don't know their names, but think of them as the Jellybys, the disorganized philanthropists of Bleak House. Their concern with Third World charities is in inverse proportion to their interest in their own children, who roam the pavements barefoot, their jowls dirty with confectionery. I am reminded of the famous old New Yorker cartoon in which the wife says of the husband: "He takes all the important decisions in the home, like whether or not we should recognize Red China, and I just stick with the little things, like which school we should send our children to." Except that in this instance the wife is as bad as the husband.

First Child: "God lives in Heaven, doesn't he?"

Father: "I believe that is the case, yes."

First Child: "And is Heaven near Richmond?"

Father: "Hardly."

First Child: "What's the name of the other place?"

Father: "Twickenham?"

First Child: "No. You know."

Father: "You mean, Hell?"

First Child: "Yes."

Second Child: "Is that near Richmond?"

Father: "Sometimes."

First Child: "If you die and go there when you're still in Miss Mansbridges's class, does that mean you'll be at school for ever?"

Father: "Bed time now children."

Another disaster for poor Mrs Prescot (her son Morgan being the first). She finally got herself an au pair, whose previous employer had lost his job in the City and could no longer afford her.

This cast Morgan in the unlikely role of her saviour, standing between her and a premature return home. But on her first night he put something unmentionable in her bed (himself perhaps) and she left before dawn for Halmstad (not Hampstead, as in Morgan's own proud account).

First Child: "Miss Mansbridge says God is everywhere."

Father: "Yes?"

First Child: "Well, if he's everywhere, it must mean that he's at Richmond Swimming Baths."

Father: "I see."

First Child: "Do you think he's there now?"

Father: "Bedtime now children."

The sweet delights of duck

Shona Crawford Poole

One of [illegible] to [illegible] through [illegible] duck [illegible]. When [illegible] for the first time [illegible] it was [illegible] like *prosciutto* [illegible] as a first course with [illegible] of exceptionally [illegible].

The flavour was an interesting [illegible] of the ham taste that comes from [illegible] and air drying with the inimitable sweetness of duck. I asked for the recipe, which was promised but failed to arrive. Then, looking up something quite different in Michel Guérard's *Cuisine Gourmande* (first published by Macmillan in 1978 and now also in paperback) I found a recipe for it. Two weeks later it was ready and it ate very well.

Duck breast ham, *jambon d'aile de canard*, is not at all difficult to make provided you have a fairly cool, airy place to hang it while it dries. Ours hung in the hall which was an odd introduction to the house but the kind of eccentricity it is easy to get away with when the result is expected to appear in print.

The Guérard recipe is for curing one duck breast and serving it with a salad of peas. The following recipe is for the duck only and doubles the quantity made.

Magret de canard, the breast meat of large, fat ducks, is ideal for curing. One big duck will provide two *magrets* each weighing at least 350g, more than three quarters of a pound. Duck breasts are increasingly sold fresh or vacuum packed. If you start with whole, fresh ducks, the legs can be used to make *confit*, or casseroled, and the carcasses for stock.

Duck ham
Serves two

2 duck breasts weighing at least 340g (12oz) each
30g (1oz) coarse salt
A pinch of dried thyme
A small bayleaf
8 coriander seeds, crushed
8 peppercorns, crushed

Put the raw duck breasts, skin side down, on a plate. Cover them with the salt, thyme, bayleaf, crushed coriander and coarsely crushed pepper. Put the plate in the refrigerator for 24 hours, during which time the salt will gradually be absorbed.

The next day, wrap the duck breasts, exactly as they are, in small pieces of muslin and tie them up as if they were small flat salami. Hang them up in a draught in a dry atmosphere. You can tell when duck breast ham is ready by pinching it; it should feel firm but supple.

Exactly what "firm and supple" means I am not completely clear. We ate our first ham after two weeks drying and at this stage it was hardening up on the outside.

Flies showed no interest in this archaic method of food preservation. The hams smelled pleasant throughout the process and would have been abandoned immediately if there had been doubt at any stage about their wholesomeness.

To serve, duck ham take off the string and muslin and trim off all but a paper-thin layer of fat [illegible] cut it into thin, almost transparent slices. You will need a very sharp knife to achieve this.

Offcuts can be used, like Parma ham trimmings, in soups or casseroles. Finely chopped and combined with nuts, a little duck and ham adds interest to fine-grained brown bread.

Several late summer or autumn fruits taste good as an accompaniment to duck ham or *prosciutto*. Small, sweet melons, ripe but firm pears, and more exotically, sweet, fresh purple figs.

Figs which taste clean and sweet need no accompaniment to make a perfect ending to almost any meal. But often they are much-travelled and far short of perfection. Figs picked before they have ripened properly can be pretty insipid. To perk up dull fruit fill it with a few tart berries, late raspberries or blueberries, or a blob of not too sweet syllabub.

Figs with syllabub
Serves six

18 small, ripe fresh figs
150ml (¼ pint) dry or medium white wine
Juice of one fresh lemon
3 tablespoons sugar
150ml (¼ pint) double cream

Wipe the figs. Cut each with a deep, cross-shaped incision almost to the base, and open the fruit a little. Arrange them on a serving plate and chill them until needed.

Pour the wine and lemon juice into a bowl and stir in the sugar. When it has dissolved add the cream and whisk the mixture until it holds soft peaks. Drop a spoonful of syllabub into each chilled fig. Serve them immediately.

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Cut off by a plague of locusts

FIRST PERSON

There is a new breed of British Telecom employees intended to charm away your ire when you ring to report a fault on your telephone line. And if the first voice fails to convince you about the sincerity of their promise that "we'll have it working again Madam just as soon as we can Madam", you move upwards to customer services who have spent a day or so longer on the diplomacy course.

I know the form and the emptiness of words intended to instill confidence, for I have had continuing trouble with my telephone for the past three or four years. When the wretched thing goes wrong the shock is akin to having a limb severed, but it carries no weight if you say you are a freelance writer dependent for your livelihood on the machine.

My most recent and worst difficulties began when I returned from a trip out of London, picked up the receiver to start responding to messages on the answering machine and discovered the line was dead. Hurriedly I went off to the nearest telephone box to report the fault, but no one would make a commitment about when it would be working again (and this time it took *eight days* to repair).

Several calls later I learnt that my problem was distinctive. "You see Madam", said British Telecom, "you've got cockroaches, locusts and vermin in your ducts and we have to get pest controllers in before our engineers can do their work." Locusts I thought inhabited biblical lands, but in my horror that such a thing should occur in my clean street I sympathized momentarily with those who had made the discovery.

The several-times-daily trips to rank telephone boxes developed into a routine of calls to 151 and to colleagues, but as the monster eagerly devoured my ten pences I invariably connected to answering machines whose owners promised to ring back later......

I put my mother and boy friend up to ringing and making a fuss on 151, as if unaware of my own calls which by then had deteriorated from reasonable pleading to sounds of frustration mixed with suspicions of incompetence. Unbeknown to me friends similarly started pestering.

On checking I discovered that my own number was still actually ringing – you might have thought that BT would be mindful enough at least to make the connection sound out of order, but I actually had to ask them twice before it was properly "busied out" (as the expression goes). I couldn't tell who might be offering me a commission – and people don't try again if they think you are inefficient enough not to see that your telephone is always manned.

I felt alone, vulnerable and most agitated by the uncertainty of not knowing when it would all be over.

Then just as it seemed the nightmare might never end Rentokil, *and* BT arrived on my bit of pavement. I raced down not even pausing to steel myself for what lay concealed underneath, and was dumbfounded to discover not a heaving mass but something like two big (ish) cockroaches and about half a dozen medium to baby ones scuttling away at this rude disturbance. No locusts! No vermin! I don't like squiggly little creatures, but had I been blessed with knowledge of cables I'd have chanced it. As if reading my thoughts BT piped up with, "our men couldn't go down there Miss Nugent, it's against union rules you know".

Squirting and spraying began and I waited for the miracle [illegible], but imagine, the hole had to dry out for a further 19 hours. Next morning the repairs did begin, with me tactfully just observing from my window, anticipating none the less a courtesy buzz on my doorbell to say that all was in order.

Two hours later the chap on 151 infuriated me by his assurance that my telephone was fine. He conceded my point, but I still had to hang for another 20 minutes before the sound of my own answering machine confirmed that at last it really was functioning again.

There was no satisfactory explanation for the delay and no heartfelt apology, and sometimes now, as I burn the midnight oil at my desk, I think about those BT men tucked up in their beds not having to worry about how to make up for a lost week.

Ann Nugent

THE TIMES DIARY

Wrong side of the fence

Hugh Shooter, Young Conservative, Young Monday Club and very right-wing, had hoped to condemn miners' picket line violence during yesterday's Tory conference debate on law and order. Unfortunately he was otherwise engaged. He was appearing in court where he was fined £200 with £50 costs and £100 compensation for his part in the destruction, as part of a 40-strong YC mob, of the CND's wood and canvas Trident "submarine". The bow-tied, and wing-collared Shooter was unrepentant after the case, claiming his "non-violent action" was no different in essence to peace women cutting the fences of the Greenham camp. Nor, it seems, will he suffer financially. Fellow YCs have begun a Friends of Hugh Shooter campaign to raise the necessary cash.

● **Mrs Thatcher is losing her grip. On sale at the Tory conference is a book of her selected speeches from 1975-1977, *Let Our Children Grow*, remaindered at less than half price, while Hugh Stephenson's *Mrs Thatcher's First Year*, originally £6.50, is going for a mere £1.**

Ploy school

As the hunt continues for the mole who told *The Times* of the plot to oust Edward Du Cann as chairman of the 1922 Committee, the finger of suspicion – in Brighton – was being pointed at Du Cann himself. The suggestion – which I am assured is without foundation – comes from those who vividly recall Du Cann brilliantly manipulating the press when his position as party chairman was in jeopardy in 1966. Believing Heath was trying to sack him, Du Cann phoned the *Daily Mail's* Walter Terry and told all. When the story appeared, surprised Tory bigwigs naturally had to deny any such intentions and were forced to express their – and Heath's – total confidence in Du Cann who, as a result, he survived for another year.

Race apart

A bust up between Monday Club members is expected in Brighton's Bedford Hotel on Thursday where the Sussex branch, rebelling against orders from club stalwarts not to discuss immigration, has invited Harvey Proctor to speak on "Nation or multi-racial society?" So outraged is the Monday Club, which is desperately trying to change its Enoch Powell image, that its conference news sheet snubs the Sussex branch meeting, and urges members to attend a reception by Forest, a pro-smoking group.

● **"You must distinguish between conference and deference," one of Mrs Thatcher's former advisers told my colleague in Brighton yesterday. "This is deference. Nobody confers here."**

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THE TIMES
ACAS AND NACODS LATEST

'I'm not sure, perhaps it's an early opera by Handel'

Selling point

Nigel Williamson, tipped as the next editor the Bennite *Tribune* newspaper, recently published a booklet called *The New Right* exposing the "shady" groups whose ideas now doninate Conservative thinking. One such is the Coalition for Peace Through Security. Variously accused by Williamson of propagating McCarthyite smears against CND, sabotaging Bruce Kent's 1982 speaking tour of America and exploiting direct-mail techniques to raise funds from right-wing activists. Of the latter at least the coalitio is guilty. Its research director, Julian Lewis, has now written to Williamson saying he's "absolutely thrilled" with the booklet and asking for bulk order rates. "We wish to mail olut large quantities to help us with our fund-raising programme", he says.

Heir disparate

Edinburgh's upper classes have, to say the least, had their collective nose disjointed. It went almost without saying that when Ludovic Kennedy announced his resignation as chaiman of the board of the Royal Lyceum Theatre, his nominee, Menzies Campbell QC, would succeed him. That, however, was to reckon without Edinburgh's new Labour District Council. In May, five of its newly elected councillors took their places on the board and objected *en bloc* to Campbell's establishment credentials. They proposed Angus Calder, a writer whose political views more closely accord with their own. Stalemate ensued, the dispute rumbled on, and now, months later, it is to be settled by a vote. It is, says Kennedy, the first he can remember the board ever taking.

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Plain speaking: the Tory task

by George Walden

A virulent new disease is afflicting British politics. Economics is bad enough, but the decline of language, meaning and rational debate is even worse. As the din of the Labour Party conference dies away, an acrid smell lingers like cordite in the political air.

On the central issues of economics and defence, the Party of the official Opposition has simply withdrawn from the debate, and the trite slogan "action, not words" has acquired a new and sinister meaning on the left. When words fail, violence follows, as sections of the national community are lost to reason. When the Prime Minister speaks to her Party, she must find language to unblock ears of those who "do not want to know", and reopen the national debate. Who knows, the Government might learn something too.

The first need is for clarity. It is far too easy to talk of polarization. True, the Government tends to forget that not everyone is well placed to withstand the rigours of competition, and should moderate its language accordingly. But if we all begin to think of ourselves as an elderly and infirm country which deserves a respite from realism because of services to humanity, we can wave goodbye to the welfare state and the National Health Service.

Although the Government is right in its diagnosis of the nation's ills, it must be circumspect in the way it communicates the bad news to the country. It must eschew the amiable obfuscation which helped to get us into trouble in the first place, but the best way of coaxing the country along is not always with verbal night-sticks.

In the absence of responsible opposition, the Government should show itself more ready to encourage debate in the country as a whole. Nigel Lawson made a start by producing a surprisingly readable 10-year forward look on public expenditure. If, as it seems, not many bishops have read it, something more accessible is needed for the rest of us. Above all, critics should be encouraged to put forward practical proposals to combat employment. It is significant that the only realistic contribution has come not from the Opposition but from the Tory "One Nation" group's pamphlet by Sir Philip Goodhart.

Tone matters too, and defence is the perfect example. No one in his right mind should be complacent about the nuclear arms race, but last year's invective against the adversary and the eerily technological talk about weapon systems are encouraged irrational fears and romantic solutions.

Many Tories have never been in love with Trident, and any affection falters as the cost mounts. It is also right to press for more initiatives on arms control. Again, the responsibility to discuss these issues openly and soberly grows as Labour disqualifies itself from serious debate.

As emotion takes over, intelligent men on the left are driven to defend outrageous illogicalities, such as the claim that Britain was ready to use nuclear weapons against Argentina, but that Russia would never use them against us. These contortions are mirrored by a disintigration of language. One Labour conference document suggests that its policies might not remain "immutably unchanged", while another spoke – more creatively – of the "Walsall Pact".

Of course we are all fallible, and even the Church should watch its language too. Whatever his views on the Government's economic policy, I assume that Dr Runcie would approve of its attempt to improve the teaching of English.

For some time one of our most distinguished academics, George Steiner, has emphasized the perils of the retreat from the word, reminding us that "a semi-illiterate democracy is a contradiction in terms". A measure of where we have got to is that it was considered a bold, and even "confrontational" step when HMI recently called for more formal teaching of grammar – the very vehicle of meaning.

The biggest mistake the Government could make would be to over-react to Labour's new primitivism – if only because it would give Mr Scargill exactly what he wants. In beginning a new dialogue with the country, the Government must not only find a new language, but be careful to speak over his head.

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The coal strike: Paul Routledge on the need for wider views

When will the public be served?

The leaks about unhappiness and divisions within the National Coal Board are not easy to decipher, but they appear to confirm persistent rumours of a growing divergence between the traditional mining engineers and their abrasive chairman, Mr Ian MacGregor.

If the signals are being read properly, some of the industry's managers want a deal – not on the current terms of the striking miners, but a deal all the same, that will allow the mines to get back into operation. Meanwhile the dominant Clan MacGregor require a once-and-for-all reassertion of the right to manage, and in that the hardliners have the powerful backing of Mrs Thatcher and her key ministers.



Scargill and McGregor, war of attrition: below, three other NUM leaders facing contempt charges: Heathfield, McGahey and Taylor







The mining engineers share the industrial objectives of their chairman, specifically to rid the industry of high-cost capacity; but there are nagging doubts about what is seen as the "political" objective of taking on the NUM in a fight to the finish. Their long experience of British coal mining suggests that there will be no winners in such an Armageddon.

In public, of course, the Coal Board presents a united front behind the MacGregor strategy. There is no split: everybody agrees that the March 6 closure programme involving 20 pits and 20,000 jobs this year must go ahead. In private, however, the engineers are becoming increasingly concerned at the deteriorating conditions of the pits – and of relations with the men they have to manage. Even the safety brigades men responsible for rescues after underground calamities have now been withdrawn in Yorkshire and Northumberland, and picketing of colliery managers has begun.

It is against this backdrop that the three mining unions and the NCB sit down tomorrow to chart a way out of the 31-week-old strike. MacGregor will initially see leaders of the NUM, and the other two unions – Nacods representing the pit deputies, and BACM representing the management – are then expected to be drawn into the peace process. Acas officials say the meeting will "seek to find a basis for a resumption of work."

This is the first time such a form of words has been used in the seven or eight abortive attempts to achieve a settlement of the dispute. It suggests that getting back to work is the primary objective, and that some secondary – perhaps long-term – objectives can be left to further negotiations between the parties *after* the men go back.

Arthur Scargill may find that a seductive approach. At the moment, the only new proposal on the table is the deputies' idea of an independent "final appeal" procedure on colliery closures. The miners regard it as an interesting proposition, but insist that it does not address itself to the main point at issue: the March 6 closure programme. Only when that is withdrawn (not revised, or reappraised) will they order a return to work, they say.

If the Coal Board is persuaded to take such a radical step, and it is most unlikely to be so persuaded, the long-term aim of stabilizing the industry through some form of third-party appeal court adjudicating on future colliery closures could be realized.

However, it is all still at the drawing-board stage. The Board has indicated that it would accept "advice" from such a forum, but not binding arbitration. And no thought seems to have been given as to who would make up such a tribunal. Practically all the deep-mining expertise in Britain is concentrated in the NCB itself, though there are some academic experts in a handful of universities with mining departments.

MacGregor has not yet conceded the principle of third party intervention. The Board cites the 1946 Coal Industry Nationalization Act as its authority for insisting on retaining managerial hegemony, and the Act certainly does charge it with "working and getting the coal in Great Britain to the exclusion of any other person", and "securing the efficient development of the coal mining industry."

But it also charges the Board with "making supplies of coal available of such qualities and sizes, in such quantities and at such prices, as may seem to them best calculated to further the public interest *in all respects* (my italics) including the avoidance of any undue or unreasonable preference or advantage."

This form of words may be read in different ways. It is certainly plausible to argue that it places a responsibility on the Board to produce cheap coal "in the public interest". It may also be open to question whether the public interest is best served "in all respects" by the relentless pursuit of a strategy that has not worked despite a seven-month strike – and might never work.

Unfortunately, tomorrow's talks that might break out of this deadlock take place in a sharply political context. The Tory Party is in conference and the High Court is today due to pronounce judgment on Scargill and his fellow NUM leaders for alleged contempt of orders restraining them from acting as though the strike is official.

The court will have to decide on the mineworkers' refusal to abide by its decision that the strike in Yorkshire and Derbyshire is unofficial, in the knowledge that any upping of the ante by a judge could have desperately counter-productive results in terms of industrial relations. If is not likely that Scargill and his colleagues will be committed to jail on the application of his "dissident" members; more likely that his union will be fined heavily and then lay itself open to sequestration by refusing to pay the fine.

This is not the textbook framework for restarting peace talks in a dispute that has divided the nation as well as the union. It has to be said that the miners' rhetoric about winning the conflict now sounds more convincing than at any time since they came out nearly eight months ago. Both Scargill and MacGregor are beginning to sound like First World War generals, each insistent that the struggle must go on despite the sacrifices. But Scargill is looking over the hill at the prospect of fresh troops arriving from the TUC, in the shape of power and steel workers. The Transport Workers are already predicting power cuts in eight weeks' time as a result of supportive action in line with last month's TUC deal.

The NCB could take retaliatory action, and the Government may use troops to move coal from the strike-bound pitheads if the national power grid is put at risk. These are endgame politics. Is it not time for the parties to determine jointly how to serve "the public interest in all respects", as the nationalization law laid down?

Doe's no-go areas as Liberia lingers under army rule

When Liberian politicians were allowed to form parties in July, in the first significant move towards civilian rule, few believed that former master-seargeant Samuel Kanyon Doe's four years of military government would pass away smoothly. Fewer still were able to predict the ferocity of subsequent conflicts and even the imprisonment of some of the architects of the new constitution and former members of Doe's government.

No sooner had the return to democracy begun than the opposition cried "fraud". Widely distributed leaflets claimed that the process was a blind to help Doe further consolidate personal power. Doe, the leaflet went on, would travel to Europe on official business, "break" his trip, and return to Liberia to quash an imaginary coup.

Although the government denied the charges, Doe immediately returned from West Germany on August 19, announced the discovery of a coup plot and arrested the man he said was responsible, Dr Amos Sawyer.

Besides being dean of the college of social sciences and humanities at the University of Liberia, Dr Sawyer had chaired the commission appointed by the head of state to formulate the new constitution, approved by a low turn-out plebiscite earlier this year. He is also the leader of the newly-formed Liberian People's Party (LPP) and a man whose popularity, it is said, was capable of making Doe intensely jealous.

The arrest of Dr Sawyer and several others was followed by violent clashes at the university. Opposition sources said that up to 50 people were shot dead when the army stormed the campus, though the government admits only to injuries from "stray bullets". But the health ministry admitted that 102 wounded had been treated, among them a rape victim.



April 1980: summary justice for Tolbert's ousted ministers

The United States, whose civil and military aid to Liberia soared by 1,200 per cent in the last four years, is the source of the loudest protest. The large Liberian exile community is worried and the State Department has sent a special envoy to Monrovia to monitor the crisis. A statement expressed concern that "no actions should be taken to jeopardize" the return to civilian rule.

Doe's opponents are no red-hot revolutionaries. Major-General Podier, former deputy head of state and military strongman, and two former justice ministers in the Doe government, Isaac Nyeplu and Chea Cheapoo, are among those now in jail. The LPP, whose leadership has borne the brunt of the assault, is regarded as moderate and social-democratic, with no radical economic plans. The LPP, and the dozen or so other parties that mushroomed after legalization, however, have shown an enthusiasm for campaigning that may have shaken Doe's resolve.

His actions have appeared arbitrary and contradictory. On August 13 he said all government ministers should resign within a week if they wanted to take part in the new electoral process. But he has still not done so himself despite having founded a political party, the National Democratic. Critics also point to Decree 88A of July 21, which makes a first-class felony of any statement or allegation which damages the reputation of members of the government.

And then there are the conditions attached to legal campaigning. Under the election rules, political parties must show they have a minimum $50,000 in cash and $100,000 in securities and bonds; so far only Doe's own party has done so. The others will not comply, they say, until they all told what will happen to the money after the elections. The conditions are reminiscent of the property restrictions which disenfranchized so many Liberians under the Tubmans and the Tolberts whom Doe overthrew.

But Decree 88A, and the recent amendment to election rules which permits the refusal of registration to parties which hold "adverse ideological aims and objectives", have demolished what little credibility the return to civilian rule still had. Calls on Doe to resign have now reached a crescendo.

A recent sign of his nervousness was his order to the army to flog publicly anyone found distributing leaflets "intended to create chaos in society". He has also deplored the "high level of indiscipline in society" and said that no disturbance would prevent him reestablishing democracy.

Western diplomats have expressed their dismay at the recent repression, and their hopes that civilian rule will amount to more than the military in mufti. However, Doe believes he is being no more autocratic than other African recipients of western support, and he is hoping that the Reagan administration will see things his way.

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Where vouchers would be valid

"Peace studies" rather than vouchers dominate this year's Conservative Party education debate. Thus, at first sight, the concern with schools has moved to much lighter issues. Vouchers would have involved a radical reform of the state school system, with state and private schools charging fees and parents being given the financial wherewithal to pay those fees at the school of their choice. Peace studies, in contrast, appear to involve little more than tightening up on abuses in one tiny sector of the curriculum.

The Government backed down over vouchers because the changes required were too great. The challenges, opportunities and problems which vouchers presented were too much even for the politicians of "conviction". For all its advocacy of entrepreneurship, the Cabinet was afraid of taking risks. Instead, the recent green paper offers the minority of activist parents more control of schools through greater representation on governing bodies – Bennism with an impermanent blue rinse.

Meanwhile the Government has increased its interest in the curriculum. It is attempting to support subjects which need support, such as English, and reduce subjects which have a questionable right to be in the curriculum at all, such as peace studies. Last week's HMI report on standardizing the objectives of English language teaching to ensure that, after 11 years of compulsory schooling, pupils should be able to read, speak and write properly will be welcomed by parents and employers, if not by all teachers. Many parents will share the minister's worries about the susceptibility of bogus subjects such as peace studies to propaganda and indoctrination.

However different these curriculum preoccupations may appear from a policy radically to reform the funding of schools, a government which thinks deeply about the former will be led, inevitably, back to the latter. For peace studies are not inherently bad and certainly not to be banned. It is simply that they have no place in a school which pupils are compelled to attend by law and towards which taxpayers are compelled to contribute.

Peace studies are indeed to be welcomed, especially if they are taught by appeasers, communists and well-intentioned, ill-informed dupes, because they set us looking at the curriculum in this way: what other subjects are there which have no place in a nationalized coercive school system? More positively, what subjects are there that might more appropriately be learned elsewhere in the community?

Prominent candidates for education outside school are sex education, mother tongue languages of linguistic minority groups, religious instruction, music, "play", sports, some foreign languages, community service, vocational-industrial education and that function so excessively, inappropriately, exorbitantly and inadequately performed by schools, child minding.

If coercive state schools concentrated on subjects widely recognized as essential for everyone such as English or maths, which they should best be able to teach, they could leave parents to choose the extra-mural parts of their children's education as they wish, paying for them with vouchers financed by the reduced cost of schools operating a reduced curriculum. Schools would obviously have to abandon their unmerited monopoly of daylight hours, perhaps working a continental day or, for optimum use of plant, a two-shift day.

Extra-mural education would be provided by voluntary groups, religious and community organizations, profit-oriented educational specialists and firms anxious to acquire an appropriately trained workforce. No doubt propagandists would emerge to offer peace studies, perhaps even courses in hating the police, in a bunker somewhere, and if parents wished to pay for their children to attend and the children actually turned up, so be it. Extra-mural education happens already, of course, but it is forced into evenings and weekends and the state takes so much money in taxes for schools that poorer income groups have little left to spend on the non-school education they would choose for their children.

At present the choice is stark: packaged state education or packaged private education. No mixture of the two is allowed; take it or leave it. To take any significant amount of private education, you must take full-time private education at full-time prices. But there is no reason why the choice should be so exclusive. And the key to opening up a practical choice is the close inspection of the curriculum. Many will agree that certain subjects ought to be provided at state schools, free at the point of consumption and attendance at them compulsory. But after inspecting the items on contemporary school curricula, few would agree that all are most appropriately provided in compulsory state schools. That is the lesson that peace studies teaches.

It should not be a difficult lesson for the Government to learn. The Cabinet is, presumably, not proud to preside over a schooling system rigid with socialist assumptions and socialist organization. If it believes its own rhetoric, it will recognize that the unit in society responsible for education is the family, not the NUT. The family contracts out some of that responsibility to the school system, but not all. It should be helped to contract out more of it where it chooses and thus fulfil its responsibility.

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The plutonium that leaked away

When Lord Hinton died last year, an official statement from the CEGB described him as "uncompromising in his standards, unswerving in his integrity". Its chairman, Sir Walter Marshall, personally added his tribute to Lord Hinton's "immense dedication" and "strong, usually deadly accurate, sense of judgment".

Whether Sir Walter would now be quite so unguarded in praising Lord Hinton's "deadly accurate sense of judgment" must be a matter of speculation, since this week sees the posthumous publication of an interview with Lord Hinton which records his judgment on the CEGB evidence to the Sizewell inquiry. In it he observes. "I am questioning the whole statement, because it is deplorable. I don't know whether they should get permission for a PWR (pressurized-water reactor) at Sizewell or not. But what is important is that they shouldn't tell bloody lies in their evidence."

In the specific statement which drew Lord Hinton's fire was the claim by the CEGB witness that "no plutonium produced in CEGB reactors has been applied to weapons use either in the UK or elsewhere". Lord Hinton's dismissal of this assurance commands respect because his chairmanship coincided with the CEGB Magnox period, when it was constructing nuclear reactors originally designed for military purposes and superbly efficient in producing weapons-grade plutonium.

Lord Hinton declined to be drawn as to whether CEGB plutonium had been applied to weapons use "in the UK or elsewhere", but anyone listening to the tape of the interview is left with the clear impression that he had in mind the American weapons programme. Here again Lord Hinton is a witness of weight because it was during his chairmanship of the CEGB that the British Government negotiated the 1958 and 1959 defence agreements which provided for the export of plutonium from CEGB reactors to the US Defence Department in exchange for enriched uranium for our Polaris programme.

Why the Pentagon wanted the plutonium and what it did with it remains a mystery. A couple of years ago I tried to raise the matter in the Commons, and was assured by the minister replying for the government that nothing so crude as its use in warheads had taken place. In the light of Lord Hinton's brusque rebuttal of such claims, let me record my personal impression that the minister concerned, Mr John Moore, spoke in all good faith and subsequently took considerable pains to answer a series of pedantic written questions from me.

If deceit has been practised, I suspect it has taken place lower down among the nuclear priesthood, from whom he in turn had to prise his information.

In any event, the assurances which I then received were less than perfect. Our plutonium may not have been used for weapons but it had been applied to "other military purposes". The problem with this distinction is that the military have no real use for plutonium other than as an essential element in thermo-nuclear warheads. And indeed no one in America had much use for plutonium after Carter shut down the fast reactor programme.

It appears that what the US military did with our plutonium was to farm it out for various experimental purposes. Yet even this relatively innocuous use has been qualified by the recent assertion of a member of President Reagan's administration that this did not qualify as the end of our plutonium, which remained on loan from the military and available for recall whenever needed for weapons use.

Moreover, only four tonnes of British plutonium has yet been identified in various US energy establishments. This week also sees the publication of a calculation by nuclear scientists who have concluded that at least six tonnes of British plutonium is not accounted for in home inventories, and has presumably been exported to the US.

The clear implication is that two tonnes of the plutonium we have supplied to the US has gone missing without explanation, and the only likely place where such a large volume of explosive material could be sealed is in military stockpiles.

The emergence of such new and alarming information on the final destination of British plutonium is likely to infuriate that section of public opinion that is already deeply worried by the pace of the US nuclear programme. Most Britons who are opposed to accepting cruise missiles are unlikely to be reconciled to them by the possibility that their warheads are based on British plutonium.

Yet there is an even more profound significance to the recent revelations. For three decades the civil nuclear industry has maintained that its operations are entirely distinct from the military nuclear programme, and should not be condemned through guilt by association, a plea which now appears dangerously bogus. We always knew our civil nuclear reactors were born of military invention. We must now suspect that they have since been used to meet military necessity.

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TIME FOR A NEW PLAN

The Energy Secretary's speech to the Conservative Party conference yesterday understandably emphasized the sheer reasonableness of the Government's position in the coal dispute. After the TUC and the Labour Party supported Mr Scargill's case, if not his methods, it was perhaps appropriate to underline what a good deal had been offered to the miners; to spell out the Government's record on helping the coal industry and its future commitment to it, and to contrast that with Mr Scargill's unreasonableness and thirst for confrontation. That line certainly won Mr Walker a long awaited standing ovation from the party faithful.

What Mr Walker's speech failed to do was to give any guidance about what will have to happen after the strike is over. How are ministers going to avoid a repeat performance when coal stocks are not so high? How are they to end subsidies of more than £1 billion a year indefinitely on anything like the terms still on the table from the National Coal Board and now being discussed with the pit deputies union? And how are taxpayers to avoid plunging an extra £1 billion a year into the industry ad infinitum?

It is ironic, but instructive, that Mr Walker's sheer reasonableness in treating the miners as a special case has almost certainly played a crucial role in prolonging the strike. He has in essence offered, and continues to offer, an unconditional one-way social compact, committing the Government to invest £3 billion over four years and eschew any compulsory redundancies regardless of the finances of the industry or the acceptance by the National Union of Mineworkers of their side of the compact. No such offers were made to the steelmen, to BL workers or even to the National Health Service. It is unlikely that Sir Michael Edwardes could have turned round BL if they had. The miners alone have been exempted from the need to face commercial and financial realities. Had the Government's commitments been made conditional on miners' acceptance of the closure of the 15 per cent of current capacity that is irretrievably uneconomic, then the majority of miners might have been more reluctant to fall in with Mr Scargill's rolling strike strategy at a much earlier stage.

There is still a strong case for withdrawing such unconditional commitments, though it is doubtful whether that would now have the same effect or credibility. Yesterday's debate certainly suggested the governing party now has no stomach for such a move.

There is, however, an overwhelming case for a fundamental rethink of the structure of the coal industry after the strike is over and for avoiding any commitments to maintain the industry or the National Coal Board in anything like their present form. A few years ago, it would have been hard to imagine the present prosperity of Jaguar or that its employees would be offered a pay deal that will give them high wages and bonuses that reflect the company's efficiency and prosperity. It would take self-delusion as well as imagination to imagine such a happy state of affairs in the coal industry under its present structure.

The need to bring in commercial forces, improve security of supply and to soften the effects of the aftermath of the strike on the fisc all argue in the same direction. To start with, the National Coal Board's role as a commercial business should be separated from its monopoly role as regulator of the industry and owner of mining rights. If the latter were vested in a separate state body, which hired out mining rights to the NCB and others, then the social and strategic aspects of uneconomic pits, as well as the overriding social obligation to help and support mining communities deprived of no-hope pits would properly be divorced from the commercial duties of the NCB.

In particular, there is no reason for profitable opencast mines, which are operated by construction workers working for private employers, to be kept artificially within the NCB's monopoly, where they have, it appears, been held back to help uneconomic deep mines. The opencast mines should be removed speedily from the public sector altogether.

A start should also be made with privatizing the more viable deep mine areas. This should preferably be achieved by sale or transfer to organizations controlled by miners, for the history of the mining industry cries out for worker ownership as the right alternative to a failed state monopoly. The Nottingham miners could first be offered control of their own enterprise. It should be made plain, however, that worker ownership is an alternative to conventional privatization and not to the discredited status quo.

BLACK AND RED PROPAGANDA

Sir James Goldsmith was back in the news this week when the libel case brought against him by *Der Spiegel* was withdrawn in the High Court: the plaintiffs, while insisting on their editorial and journalistic independence from KGB control, acknowledged the "dangers to Press freedom posed by Soviet covert propaganda". This is good news: Sir James has successfully drawn attention to such KGB disinformation ploys as the smear campaign against Dr Strauss, the "Ban the Neutron Bomb" campaign, and the effort to blur the issues over the Korean airliner tragedy. These are only a few of many known cases.

Lenin recognized that a free press is the mainstay of democracy: within two days of seizing power he issued a decree closing down all opposition newspapers – weeks before he formed the secret police and months before he established the Red Army. In every country coming under Moscow's control, the media has been muzzled. Where the Soviet leaders are unable to suppress open discussion, they seek by a variety of means to influence the presentation of information on which judgments are based.

Few people now are persuaded by the exaggerated claims of overt Soviet propaganda; to influence world opinion, the required information should appear in the free media, rather than in publications subsidized or controlled by Moscow. How can this be achieved? Money, personnel, and other resources are not spared, since the drive to manipulate world opinion is approved at the very highest level. Mr Andropov is believed to have greatly expanded the KGB disinformation department to include other, "active measures" of a similar type. There is not only the evidence of defectors: the admissions of those they subverted are also on record.

The former KGB officer Mr Stanislav Levchenko revealed the names of Japanese journalists he recruited when based in Tokyo as a correspondent. He provided the general guidelines, leaving the agent to write the article in his own style. Mr Levchenko estimated the number of KGB recruits in Japan at about 200, including a former cabinet minister, and several members of parliament. In 1981, Danish counter-intelligence arrested the writer, Arne Herlov Peterson, who under direct KGB control published Soviet propaganda, and organized a campaign for a Nordic nuclear-free zone. In 1979, a French court convicted the journalist, Pierre-Charles Pathé of serving as a KGB agent for almost 20 years, and in 1983, the Swiss expelled a Soviet correspondent for organizing protest demonstrations and attempting to manipulate the media.

President Nasser's trusted chief intelligence advisor Sami Sharaf was a Soviet agent of influence. A French ambassador in Moscow, M. Maurice Dejean, was blackmailed in an attempt to place an agent in President De Gaulle's inner circle, with the aim of exacerbating the rift with the United States. Moscow uses the intelligence services of the satellite countries in the same way For years, the East German agent, Guenther Guillaume served on the staff of the former West German chancellor, Willy Brandt.

Forged documents smearing US policies and politicians have been successfully planted in Third World newspapers, and last year the *New Statesman* published as authentic a letter to Ambassador Jeane Kirkpatrick which was branded as a fake by the US mission to the United Nations. The examples are legion, and no doubt were it not that investigators less wealthy than Sir James Goldsmith fear incurring heavy legal costs, further well-substantiated accusations would be aired. It is in the nature of journalism that a sensational forgery is likely to win wider coverage than its later retraction, and Moscow certainly makes the most of this face.

SOMETHING FISHY

It is no surprise that European Community inspectors have found evidence of systematic cheating by Dutch fishermen in disregard of the catch quotas Holland is allotted under the common fisheries policy; or that the cheating is with the connivance of Dutch government officials. British fishermen have alleged as much for as long as the quotas have been in operation, and their allegation is against the fishermen of other member states also. British ministers have shared the suspicion but have not had the facts with which to frame a charge. Those facts are now reported to be available to the Commission and action is expected to follow in the European Court of Justice.

The British fishing industry is one of the sacrificial victims of successive governments' European policies. Accession to the Community entailed swallowing a common fisheries policy that had been cooked for the advantage of the fishermen of Six to the detriment of British fishermen. British waters, which were extended de facto from 12 miles to 200 miles from the shore in the course of the protracted negotiations, are fish-rich and comparatively well conserved. Instead of their remaining under national control and being used to compensate the industry for loss of distant fishing grounds, British waters became part of the Community fishpond.

The regime to which they have been subjected is built on the principle of equal access to all Community waters for the fishermen of all member states. Exclusive rights are recognized for narrow strips of coastal waters: for the rest the equal access principle is translated into national quotas within a total allowable catch fixed for each main species by reference to the requirements of conservation. The quotas are the subject of interminable haggling. They are bearable, as the best of a bad job from the British point of view, only on the basis of confidence that they are everywhere respected.

The enforcement of access and quotas is primarily the responsibility of each member government. There is also, on the wise insistence of the British Government, an inspectorate responsible to the Commission which has the duty of overseeing national enforcement. It is that inspectorate which has rumbled the Dutch and now proposes to extend its investigations in other directions. The inspectors' early catch – they have been in place for barely a year – promises well for their efficacy; though it still has to be seen if the Community's creaking machinery for adjudicating and deterring wrong-doing will work promptly and effectively.

It may be doubted if a strength of thirteen is adequate for the fish inspectorate, even before the hoped-for accession of Spain, which eats an inordinate amount of fish and has an underworked and technically proficient fishing fleet poised to sweep the Community's waters. The function of inspection is one of crucial importance, as much with milk quotas or olive oil as with fish. Producers and middlemen handling commodities subject to Community regulation are quick enough with corrupt abuse of the rules if they see an opening for enrichment – not all of them of course, but enough to inject anarchy into continental-wide arrangements whose chances of being observed anywhere depends on their being observed everywhere.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Making the best use of English

From Mr B. E Newton

Sir, My attention was drawn to your item (October 3) concerning HM Inspectors' consultative document, *English from 5 to 16*. The stress in the headline, "School inspectors want grammar at forefront in teaching English", and in the early part of your report provoked in me a weary despair that long-discredited methods of teaching English were about to be revived.

When the document arrived on my desk the following day, I was ready to take the knife to it. I should have had more faith in the wisdom and experience of HMI. They want nothing of the kind. Indeed they assert *unequivocally* that "it has long been recognised that formal exercises in the analysis and classification of language contribute little or nothing to the ability to use it" (para. 3.8).

What her Majesty's Inspectorate is suggesting, as indeed many enlightened English teachers have been doing for a long time, is that

> if some attention is given to the examination and discussion of the structure of the language pupils speak, write, read, or listen to for real purposes, their awareness of its possibilities and pitfalls can be sharpened. In the course of this, it is reasonable that they should learn such grammatical terminology as is useful to them for the discussion of language. (para 3.8).

Your correspondent appears to be seeking to create a conflict where none exists. The HMI document is a reasoned and helpful contribution to the discussion about aims, objectives and methods in teaching English. If it is read in conjunction with other recent HMI reports, notably the chapter on language in *Aspects of Secondary Education in England* (HMSO, 1979), it shows HMI to be concerned to promote a view of language development which gives equal status to talking, writing, reading and listening and stresses the importance of children using language for a wide variety of "real or realistic" purposes.

Far from being a reactionary document, *English from 5 to 16* encourages a broader and more liberal understanding of the purposes of English teaching. It is well worth reading and reflecting upon.

Yours faithfully,
B. E. NEWTON,
(Senior Adviser for English,
London Borough of Havering),
Mercury House,
Mercury Gardens,
Romford,
Essex.
October 4.

Harnessing the Severn

From Mr A. J. Ivins

Sir, Monetarists must be concerned that North Sea oil revenues be converted into new energy assets, so that this vital wealth should be preserved as a buttress of our future prosperity.

Since 1928 the feasibility of harnessing the tides to generate electricity in the Severn estuary has been recognised. Countless hours and money have been spent in investigation by scientific committees and no major disadvantage has been identified. It is estimated that the barrage could provide between 8 per cent to 10 per cent of the UK electricity needs and a reasonable life expectancy for the structure must be at least 200 years.

Then there is the road link to South Wales along the top of the barrage, maybe a rail link, the improved conditions for leisure industry (and private investment in this) and a site for a possible third London airport created by land reclamation, using material dredged from the sea bed.

The cost would be £8bn over eight years with nearly all of this going to the UK economy. At least 60,000 direct new jobs would be created throughout the country, many unskilled, in the extraction, transport, shipping, engineering, electrical manufacturing, construction and construction support industries.

If tax clawback, insurance and pension contributions and the saving in unemployment and social security payments are discounted, it would amount to an investment by the Government of £500m per annum into the UK economy.

Set against similar payment for defence systems, frequently providing jobs in other countries, this pollution-free means of generating electricity, combined with the other features, makes a good national investment. Add the private investment it could generate and it is one single major step that would prime the pump of financial confidence.

Yours faithfully,
A. J. IVINS, Chairman,
South Western Regional Joint
Consultative Committee for
Building,
22 Richmond Hill,
Clifton,
Bristol,
Avon.
October 2.

Two-point turn

From Dr Malcolm L. Chiswick

Sir, The two-point turn described by Dr Perkins (October 5) might well knock whole seconds off the time taken for him to do his calls, but I fear it may also knock legs from unsuspecting pedestrians.

I fail to see how the manoeuvre can be accomplished without the car mounting the pavement, unless, of course, the car is first moved forwards, away from the parking position, in which case it is a three-point and not a two-point turn and Dr Perkins's breakthrough is a fraud.

Yours faithfully,
MALCOLM L. CHISWICK,
Highclere,
Parkfield Road,
Altrincham,
Cheshire.
October 5.

Mixed response to Dr Runcie's pit plea

From Mr J. L. Phillips

Sir, To whom is Dr Runcie addressing his call for a return to consensus in the conduct of our nation's affairs?

From my less elevated viewpoint it is *abundantly* clear that the majority consensus is firmly opposed to yet more public money being invested in digging out material that is too expensive to sell. Only when that fact is clearly accepted by the minority can the forces of conciliation and consensus be brought to bear in support of the individuals and communities concerned.

Does the archbishop have no word of comfort for the majority of working taxpayers in their "despair and hopelessness" imposed by the brick-throwing mob and a self-centred trade union bureaucracy in this dispute?

Yours faithfully,
J. L. PHILLIPS,
Morrice Green Cottage,
Nuthampstead,
Royston,
Hertfordshire.
October 8.

From Mr D. R. Nicolson

Sir, The large majority of people who read the full interview with the Archbishop of Canterbury today (October 8) will recognize and identify with his concern about "the shift from consensus to confrontation".

It is symptomatic of the underlying trouble that some have been quick to attack his analysis. Are there rabble-rousers on the right as well as the left?

The prominence given to the constructive observations of the archbishop, identifying the dangers in society and priorities for the future, was a welcome relief from the publicity given to the divisive remarks of the extremists which so often make the headlines.

I trust that criticism of the archbishop's comments indicates the strength of his remarks and that his recognition of human dignity as well as an efficient economy as proper aims and priorities may be reflected in the discussions which affect us all.

It is not only the Bishop of Durham who fears a "dialogue of the deaf".

Yours faithfully,
D. R. NICOLSON,
Apple Orchard,
Little Witcombe,
Gloucestershire.
October 8.

From the Reverend Canon R. J. Halliburton

Sir, The Christian voice in politics and in industrial relations should first and foremost be that of Christian *lay* people. The Church is not the clergy: it is the people of God in every part of our society.

It is, after all, the Christian politician, the Christian industrialist and the Christian miner who know the situation from the inside; and only such can experience the depths of feeling on both sides and know equally the limitations on all concerned imposed by a situation in which none will achieve all he wants.

It is at the same time true that if the Christian's conscience in a dispute such as the present strike is what we might call "perplexed", then it is for the Church's leaders to bring their resources of wisdom to bear on the situation. They should begin by stating principles (e.g., the essential brotherhood of man, the power of God to bring healing and the real possibility of reconcilation). It is equally proper that they should go on to say how these principles might be applied to the case.

For example, at the time of the General Strike Archbishop Randall Davidson suggested (in consultation with Church leaders) that government and the mining industry should so to speak "return to base" (i.e., the strike should be called off and the Government continue the subsidy, which it had withdrawn, for a short time and the mine owners reconsider their wages).

At the same time he deplored the then Bishop of Lichfield's initiative in negotiating directly with the miners a way through the impasse, saying that people would then feel that "the arrayed forces consist of the Church plus the miners on the one side and the Government on the other."

What we really want to hear from our Church leaders are statements which jog the conscience of the nation. At the time of the General Strike, once more, Cardinal Bourne, then Archbishop of Westminster, stated that the whole situation was "a sin against the obedience which we owe to God . . . and against the charity and brotherly love which are due to our brethren." In other words, we should be ashamed ever to have allowed ourselves to lapse into such a deplorable state of affairs.

In the light of statements such as this, lay Christians who know the ropes should then examine their consciences and all be prepared to admit fault where it exists and then begin to make amends. But it is as disastrous for a bishop to be an amateur economist or politician as it is for a clergyman to be an amateur architect in redesigning his church hall.

Our Church leaders must drag us back to first principles, like the prophets of old; then it is for the rest of us to face the issues and put things right.

Yours faithfully,
R. J. HALLIBURTON,
30 Ailsa Road,
Twickenham,
Middlesex.
October 8.

From Mrs Nancy Gwyn-Thomas

Sir, Surely the primary rôle of the Archbishop of Canterbury and his colleagues is to lead the people of this country to God, and in doing so they make *their* most important contribution to the solution of our social and economic problems.

When the bishops are sure of their own faith in the Gospel and when the churches are filled with seekers and followers they will be in a better position to criticize the Government.

Yours faithfully,
NANCY GWYN-THOMAS,
White Lodge,
4 Fendon Close,
Cambridge.
October 8.

Miners' special case

From Mr Francis McWilliams

Sir, At last some sense is being injected into the pit closure negotiations.

Of course management of the coalmines should be in the hands of the National Coal Board. Too often, in the past, this has appeared to be in the hands of the NUM.

Of course the National Coal Board should say which collieries should be closed on economic grounds. They are, however, not the people to decide whether, because of a number of other reasons, a particular colliery should be kept open.

That mines and mining communities are a special case recognized by most people. If this was not the case the extremely generous *redundancy arrangements* would have caused considerable outcry. The method of effecting the closure of collieries should also be effected in a special way.

An outline procedure could be that the National Coal Board would be required to give warning of a pit closure at least three years in advance. An inquiry would then be held, either by a single independent arbitrator or by a panel of such arbitrators. At such an inquiry the Coal Board would put its case and other interested parties, such as the *NUM*, local authorities, local trade associations, etc would make their representations.

The arbitrator would then make his report and recommendations to the Secretary of State for Energy, who would then have to decide whether or not the taxpayer (not the *National Coal Board*) should be asked to bear the burden of keeping such a colliery open and for how long.

Obviously, such inquiries would take time and cost money and, given the form of argument at present apparently favoured by the NUM, could be liable to disruption.

Where an inquiry could not be held because of disruption a colliery would close in any case at the end of the period of notice. The gain from disruption would therefore be minimal.

It would be necessary for arbitrators to have some degree of technical expertise but here, I am sure, the Chartered Institute of Arbitrators would be happy to assist (as a fellow of the institute I must declare an interest).

One of the great advantage of the system would be that it would make the Coal Board concentrate its collective mind and so avoid the farce of men being transferred to a colliery which is then closed almost immediately. It would put an end to the semantic arguments in which Mr Scargill appears to delight. It might also bring out imaginative ways of prolonging the life of collieries as co-operatives with local support.

Inquiries are held before a small footpath or road is closed. Surely it is not unreasonable that inquiries *should be held before whole* communities are closed?

FRANCIS McWILLIAMS,
212 Gilbert House,
Barbican, EC2.
October 5.

Union register's limits

From Mr Peter Thurnham, MP for Bolton North-East (Conservative)

Sir, Is Woodrow Wyatt right to believe that trade union leaders will behave sufficiently democratically with the enactment of the 1984 Act? (feature, September 22).

He compares the election of union leaders to the election of boards of directors by their shareholders. But the crucial difference is that the 1984 Act does not call for the new register of union members' names and addresses to be open to the public. The register is to be closed, known only to the union leaders and to the certification officer – unlike the register of shareholders in a limited liability company, which must be open to the public. It is as if the electoral register itself was available only to the ruling party. What sort of democracy would that be?

This lack of openness weakens the ability of responsible individual trade unionists to use the Government's legislation to overturn irresponsible actions by their leaders.

This problem has affected the strike, over the past four months, by nursery nurses in Bolton, who have been called out on strike by their union Nalgo. Many of these nurses, *including those who care for* handicapped children, do not wish to strike. But their efforts to organize a return to work, in the face of their employer's closed shop, are frustrated by their difficulties in communicating with each other – *the list of names and addresses* is not disclosed by either the union or by the council employer, many of whose officers are themselves members of Nalgo.

For true democracy in the unions, I believe that the register of names *and addresses should be open to the* public; this should be a minimum requirement in any new legislation to control strikes in essential services.

Yours faithfully,
PETER THURNHAM,
House of Commons.
September 24.

Why Chatsworth art aim failed

From Mr Michael Hirst, FBA

Sir, Your leader of today (October 8), which purports to explain the failure of the British Museum to *acquire the Chatsworth drawings* and to exonerate it, is not convincing. That the museum is not an investment trust is obvious. But the body of drawings now dispersed was quite exceptional and it was clear to many that the price required by the duke was not inflated. I, myself expressed this view to the chairman of the trustees several weeks before the sale took place.

The issue was not a lack of funds to acquire the drawings but a lack of will to find and mobilize funds; most notoriously, the National Art-Collections Fund was never consulted.

Your final comment about the ever-increasing ease with which works of art can travel is seriously ill-informed. There is growing concern throughout the world about the conservation hazards involved in the constant movement of fragile works. No panel paintings, for example, were requested by the organizers of the recent exhibition of Venetian art at the Royal Academy, precisely because of the dangers which would be incurred.

Such prudential concern would have been unthinkable fifty years ago; that it is not shared by *The Times* is alarming.

Yours faithfully,
MICHAEL HIRST,
3 Queensdale Place, W11.
October 8.

History of the SOE

From Mr Basil Irwin

Sir, As one who served operationally for SOE in both Yugoslavia and Italy, I am astonished by Mr Beattie's letter (September 29). He seems to suggest that it was exceptional for those who did so to survive.

I understand that, with the possible exception of one person whose disappearance remains unexplained, no SOE personnel were captured and executed by the Germans in these two countries.

Further, fatal operational casualties, which did not exceed 10, were quite remarkably light in relation to the considerable numbers who operated there and the periods during which operations took place.

That those who served in SOE were perforce inexperienced in the type of operations undertaken is obvious. Mistakes were, of course, made. Mr Beattie may speak for himself, but to suggest that the organisation was childishly irresponsible is both absurd and insulting.

It is a pity that the BBC programme on Holland may have given the impression that operations in that country were confined to the *Englandspiel*.

Yours faithfully,
BASIL IRWIN,
The Thatch,
Stansted Mountfitchet,
Essex,
September 30.

Up in the air

From Mr P. J. Disdale

Sir, I do not know how many people are housed in a single tower block, but would guess it equates to or exceeds the number carried in a large airliner.

What I do know is that were major structural faults discovered in such a flying machine, *all* such types would be be grounded *immediately* pending thorough inspection.

What is the difference?

Yours faithfully,
P. J. DISDALE,
3 Gaskell Close,
Holybourne,
Alton,
Hampshire.
October 2.

VAT on books

From Canon G. B. Bentley

Sir, If I remember rightly it was APH who, when a tax on books was first proposed, prophesied that the Chancellor of the day would go down in history as the first to put a tax on the Word of God.

It appears that Mr Lawson now covets that distinction.

Yours faithfully,
G. B. BENTLEY,
5 The Cloisters,
Windsor Castle,
Berkshire.
October 4.

Threepenny trash?

From Mr Ossia Trilling

Sir, Your Music Critic's scornful dismissal as "trash" of Ernst Krenek's *Jonny spielt auf*, which had its British premiere in Leeds on Saturday, calls to mind a similar reaction by your then Theatre Critic to the British premiere of Kurt Weill's *Die Dreigroschenoper* at the Royal Court Theatre 30 years ago, when he likened the score to the sort of rubbish that comes out of Tin Pan Alley.

Plus ca change!

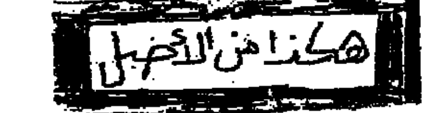
Yours etc,
OSSIA TRILLING,
9a Portland Place, W1.
October 8.

Pride of place

From Dr E. H. Kronheimer

Sir, Opening the passenger door to let one's wife get into the car is an act *neither* of eccentricity nor of politeness – merely of self-preservation. Reaching over to do it from the driver's seat is a sure-fire way of putting one's back out.

Yours faithfully,
ERWIN KRONHEIMER,
10 Regent's Park Road, NW1.
October 3.





COURT AND SOCIAL

COURT CIRCULAR

BUCKINGHAM PALACE
October 9: The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips arrived at Kirknewton Station in the Royal Train this morning and was received by Her Majesty's Lord-Lieutenant for West Lothian (the Marquess of Linlithgow).

Her Royal Highness, Colonel-in-Chief, The Royal Scots (The Royal Regiment) subsequently visited the 1st Battalion at Richie Camp, Kirknewton.

The Princess Anne, Mrs Mark Phillips was received by the Colonel of the Regiment (Lieutenant-General Sir Robert Richardson) and the Commanding Officer of the Battalion (Lieutenant-Colonel P. Cardwell Moore).

Her Royal Highness left Royal Air Force Turnhouse this afternoon in an aircraft of The Queen's Flight.

Mrs Andrew Feilden was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 9: The Princess Margaret, Countess of Snowdon, Grand President of the St John Ambulance Association and Brigade, was present today at the County Presidents' Conference at St John Headquarters, Grosvenor Crescent.

The Hon Mrs Wills was in attendance.

KENSINGTON PALACE
October 9: The Duchess of Gloucester, Patron, Association for Spina Bifida and Hydrocephalus, was present this evening at the annual ball held at Claridges, London.

Mrs Michael Wigley was in attendance.

A memorial service for Crista Lady Bruce will be held at St Mary's Church, Newmarket, on Wednesday, October 17, at 2.30pm.

A memorial service for Professor George Bradford Caird, of The Queen's College and Mansfield College, Oxford, will be held at the University Church of St Mary The Virgin, Oxford, on Saturday, October 13, at 2.30.

At the invitation of the Dean, representatives of CRUSE shared in choral evensong in Westminster Abbey yesterday to mark the silver jubilee of CRUSE, the national organization for the widowed and their children. An address was given by Mr Derek Nuttall, director

Forthcoming marriages

Mr R. Barclay and Mlle S. Samson

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs T. H. Barclay, of Versailles, France, and Sylvie, daughter of Mrs M. Samson, of Vannes, France, and the late Mr R. Samson.

Mr C. J. Betts and Miss N. A. Corbett

The engagement is announced between Christopher, son of Mr and Mrs D. E. Betts, of St Ives, Cambridgeshire, and Nicola, daughter of Dr and Mrs A. L. Corbett, of Upper Norwood, London.

Mr R. Boath and Miss N. Prichard

The engagement is announced between Richard, younger son of Mr and Mrs Peter Boath, of Harpenden, Hertfordshire, and Nicola, second daughter of Mr and Mrs Brian (Mick) Prichard, of Weybridge, Surrey.

Mr C. J. Dale and Miss M. A. Oates

The engagement is announced between Christopher John, son of Mr J. A. Dale and Mrs P. M. Dale, of Woodford, Essex, and Mary Ann, daughter of Mrs M. J. Oates, of Rowledge, Surrey, and the late W. G. R. Oates.

Mr M. J. Deeley and Miss L. J. Milne

The engagement is announced between Jeremy John, elder son of Mrs F. Deeley, of Sutton Coldfield, West Midlands, and Lesley Jane, daughter of Dr and Mrs V. G. Milne, of Walsall, West Midlands.

Mr S. C. Farmbrough and Miss H. E. Mills

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Mr and Mrs Stuart Farmbrough, of Poynders End, Hitchin, Hertfordshire, and Heather, daughter of Mr and Mrs Peter Mills, of Amersham, Buckinghamshire.

Mr S. R. G. Howard and Miss Z. J. Webb

The engagement is announced between Simon, elder son of Dr R. D. Howard and Mrs D. A. Howard, of Jersey, Channel Islands, and Zillah, only daughter of Mr and Mrs M. D. Webb, of Titchfield, Hampshire.

Mr J. C. Knevitt and Miss A. Redgment

The forthcoming marriage is announced between Garry Colin, eldest son of Mr and Mrs Colin Knevitt, of Chester-le-Street, Durham, and April, daughter of Mrs J. Redgment, of Meadow Drift, Longham, Dereham, Norfolk.

Captain J. P. Noble and Miss A. E. Hill

The engagement is announced between John Noble, The Queen's Regiment, eldest son of Mr and Mrs W. P. Noble, of Dormansland, Surrey, and Alison, only daughter of Squadron Leader and Mrs J. G. Hill, of Naunton, Gloucestershire.

Mr P. G. Pearson and Miss J. L. Sherlock

The engagement is announced between Paul, son of Mr and Mrs J. G. Pearson, of Runcorn, Cheshire, and Joanna, younger daughter of Mr and Mrs B. Sherlock, of Mill Hill

Mr N. J. Poynton and Miss J. Dearman

The engagement is announced between Nicholas, eldest son of Mr and Mrs D. R. Poynton, of Woodford, Cheshire, and Judy, daughter of the late Mr Edward A. Dearman and of Mrs Ann Dearman, of New Malden, Surrey.

Mr D. H. Rosen and Miss C. A. Bruce

The engagement is announced between David Henry, son of Mrs Sylvia Hammond, of London, and Cydney Anne, daughter of Mr and Mrs Hugh Bruce, of Toronto, Canada.

Mr T. N. D. Rosen and Miss A. L. H. Earnshaw

The engagement is announced between Timothy, elder son of Dr and Mrs M. Rosen, of 45 Hollybush Road, Cardiff, South Glamorgan, and Amanda, only daughter of Mr and Mrs R. P. Earnshaw, of Littletown, Warley, West Yorkshire.

Mr P. M. P. Thomas and Miss E. Somerville

The engagement is announced between Philip, son of Mr P. J. P. Thomas, of East Rigg, Balerno, Midlothian, and the late Mrs J. D. E. Geesin, and Emma, elder daughter of Captain and Mrs Peter Somerville, of Parson's Green, London.

Mr C. F. Vere Nicoll and Mrs A. M. H. Crichton-Stuart

The engagement is announced between Charles, youngest son of the late Raymond Vere Nicoll and Mrs Anthony Kinsman, of 34 Eaton Square, London, SW1, and Mandy, daughter of Mr and Mrs Michael Williams, of The Orchards, Fordingbridge, Hampshire.

Mr J. J. Zagar, II and Miss J. Campbell

The engagement is announced between Jack James, son of Mr and Mrs J. J. Zagar, of Keyes, Oklahoma, and Julia, daughter of Dr and Mrs C. J. Campbell, of Oevre Strandgate 70A, 4000 Stavanger, Norway.

Marriages

Mr A. M. Grazebrook and Miss S. M. Outwin

The marriage took place on Saturday, September 22, at Ampney Crucis, Gloucestershire, between Mr Adrian Michael Grazebrook, son of Mrs M. B. Grazebrook, of Bibury, Gloucestershire, and the late Brigadier T. N. Grazebrook, and Miss Susan Mary Outwin, daughter of Mr and Mrs F. G. Outwin, of Barnwood, Gloucester.

Mr A. J. Little and Mrs S. J. P. Grant

The marriage took place in Alton, Hampshire on October 6 between Mr Andrew Little and Mrs Suzie Grant.

Mr N. Warshaw and Mrs C. S. Ferguson

The marriage took place on Sunday, September 9, in Berkeley, California, between Mr Nigel Warshaw, son of the late Mr and Mrs Sidney Warshaw, and Mrs Carol Susan Ferguson, daughter of Mr and Mrs E. Lippett, of La Jolla, California.







Four sauceboats and some ladles, part of the dinner service made between 1742 and 1746 for the Seventh Earl of Thanet (right), whose wife Mary (left), left him amid scandal, to live on the other side of Grosvenor Square.
The service made by Paul de Lamerie, is likely to fetch £1m at auction at Sotherby's next month, the highest price ever paid for a single lot of English silver.

Silver service may set record

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

The silver dinner service made for the Earl of Thanet by Paul de Lamerie between 1742 and 1746 is expected to become the most expensive single lot of English silver ever sold at auction when it comes up at Sotheby's on November 22. The auctioneers are talking of a price in excess of £1m. The top price on record for English silver is £484,000.

The magnificent service, including soup tureens, sauce boats, meat dishes, salt cellars and dinner plates, more than 100 pieces in all, has remained in the same family since the eighteenth century and is sent for sale by the trustee of the Third Baron Hothfield's Will Trust.

The service was commissioned from de Lamerie, the most highly regarded of all British silversmiths, by Sackville Tufton, Seventh Earl of Thanet. He was a Tory MP before inheriting the title from his uncle in 1729 and was considered one of the best classical scholars of his day. His wife was a flighty socialite who must have enjoyed the Earl's vast wealth which permitted the acquisition of such a dinner service as well as the construction of a new townhouse on the north of Grosvenor Square. When she left him amid public scandal in 1747 she received £10,000 and a house the other side of the square.

Sotheby's said yesterday that they knew of the existence of only one other eighteenth-century English dinner service made by a single silversmith, the superb service made by George Wickes for the Duke of Leinster, which is now in the collection of Mr Muhammed Mahdi Al Tajir, the ambassador in London of the United Arab Emirates.

During the past year or so Mr Al Tajir has bought nearly all the most important silver that has come to auction and there is no reason to suppose that possession of one service will deter him from owning a second. It is also possible that one of the new band of very rich American collectors who favour prestige art works to decorate their homes might step in. Peter Waldron of Sotheby's is taking a selection of pieces to New York at the end of this week and they will go on exhibition at the Sotheby Parke Bernet galleries between October 13 and October 21.

The service will require an export licence in order to leave Britain, but the feeling in museum circles yesterday was that the service was likely to be too expensive to be bought for a national collection.

Memorial service

Lieutenant-Colonel W. D. Keown-Boyd

A memorial service for Lieutenant-Colonel William Dalison Keown-Boyd was held yesterday at St George's, Hanover Square. The Rev W. M. Atkins officiated. Colonel Lord Penrhyn read the lesson and Mr Richard Roberts, chairman of Roberts Radio Company, gave an address.

A memorial service for Mr Richard S. Handley will be held today at 12.15 at All Souls, Langham Place.

Birthdays today

Mr Winston S. Churchill, MP, 44; Mr Ted Edgar, 49; Lord Kincraig, 66; Professor J. B. Large, 54; Mr G. W. Mackworth-Young, 58; Viscount Macmillan of Ovenden, 41; Mr Charles Madge, 72; Dr Roger Manvell, 75; Mr Daniel Massey, 51; Mr Brian Oakley, 57; Mr Nicholas Parsons, 56; Mr Harold Pinter, 54; Sir John Stebbings, 60; Mr Frank H. Taylor, 77; Mr G. F. M. P. Thompson, 74; Mr Ben Vereen, 38.

Dinner

The annual dinner of the London Metal Exchange was held last night at Grosvenor House. Mr Jacques Lion, chairman of the board of the exchange, presided and Mr Michael Brown, chairman of the committee, welcomed the guests. The guest speaker was Lord Pennock, chairman of BICC plc.

Latest wills

Sir Basil Henry Blackwell, of Appleton, Oxfordshire, the bookseller and publisher, left estate valued at £187,255 net.

Mrs Katherine Parry Abbott, of Bentley Manor, The Common, Stanmore, Middlesex, left estate valued at £520,864 net.

RHS Show

Seeds of the potato revolution

By Alan Toogood, Horticulture Correspondent

Fruits and vegetables are the main attraction at the Royal Horticultural Society's Flower Show, which opened yesterday in Westminster with the humble potato creating a great deal of interest.

Indeed, there is a quiet revolution taking place so far as this vegetable is concerned, as demonstrated by the exhibit of potatoes grown from seeds, staged by the RHS Garden, Wisley. Seeds were sown in April 1983, and the tubers planted in spring this year. The advantages of growing potatoes from seeds are that they are free from viruses and cheaper to buy than tubers. In the not too distant future this could be the normal method of growing potatoes in private gardens and indeed one retail seed company offers seeds of variety 'Desiree'.

A new potato variety called 'Cara' won for P. L. Mayne, of Longden, Shrewsbury, first prize in the competitive class for recently introduced potatoes. Raised at Oak Park Research Centre, in the Irish Republic, it took 15 years to produce and is destined to replace the well-known 'King Edward'.

The RHS Garden have staged a massive display of apples and pears, both old and new, including the new Cox-type dessert apple 'Sunset'. In the competitive classes, T. D. Baxendale is a leading prizewinner, taking first prizes for collections of fruits.

Gold medals were awarded to Hillier Nurseries, of Winchester, for a display of ornamental trees and shrubs, mainly noted for autumn colour; Edrom Nurseries, of Eyemouth, Berwickshire, for a superb display of gentians; and County Park Nursery, of Hornchurch, Essex, for New Zealand alpine plants and dwarf shrubs (the latter gold being in the Lindley range).

Several societies are holding their competitions in conjunction with the RHS show. In the Alpine Garden Society's competition, Mrs K. N. Dryden, of Sawbridgeworth, has won the Farrer Medal for the best plant in the show *(Tricyrtis macrantha macranthopsis)*, and the Saunders Spoon for the best pan of cyclamen *(Cyclamen hederifolium)*. Dr D. Walkey, of Tysoe, has won the Harold Bishop Memorial Trophy for the highest aggregate of first prize points in the show.

In the Japan Society of London's Bonsai Competition, Mrs Jean Wilson, of north London, has won the Chinn Stone Lantern for the highest aggregate number of points in the Chinn Lantern classes.

The British National Carnation Society is holding it autumn competition for perpetual-flowering carnations. Major prizewinners are:

Division A, Allwood Bros. Challenge Cup for most points, A Ellidge, of Oldham; Silver Medal card for best vase, C H Stringfellow of Stockport (variety 'Joanne').

Division B, the Jewell Allcroft Challenge Cup for most points, and Silver Medal card for best bloom, A Ellidge (variety 'Joanne'). Division C, the Lord Howard de Walden Challenge Cup for most points, E Palmer, of Morden; Silver Medal card for best bloom, C H Stringfellow (variety 'Cream Sue').

Division E (novices), the Rozenoords Cup for most points, R N Harris, of Uxbridge. Division G (Daily Mail Cup division), the Sir Emsley Carr Memorial Challenge Cup and the Allwood Challenge Cup, A Ellidge (varieties "Fragrant Ann" and "Joanne", the last also bloom); the F W Alesworth Memorial Salver, the Stuart Low Challenge Cup, and the Daily Mail Cup, A J Langford, of Worsley, Manchester (varieties include "Queen's Reward" and "Clara", also best vase).

The show is open today from 10am to 5pm.

OBITUARY

MR GEOFFREY BENNISON

Contribution to interior design

Geoffrey Bennison the interior designer and antique dealer, died on October 8 at the age of 63.

Born in Ashton-under-Lyne where his father was a building contractor and his mother, after her husband's death, ran a small drapery business, Geoffrey Bennison displayed from the start a precocious artistic talent. In 1940 he entered the Slade School of Art which had been evacuated to Oxford.

Here his brilliance as a painter and stage designer convinced both pupils and teachers that he would become, at very least, "the next Augustus John", but in 1942 he was struck down by tuberculosis and forced to spend the next eight years in sanatoria, first in Britain and then, after the war, in Switzerland.

Returning to London in the early fifties without any means whatsoever, he made ends meet at first by taking a stall in the Portobello Road, followed by a shop in Islington and eventually a number of shops in the Pimlico area. Here his impeccable eye and serendipity soon ensured a discriminating and faithful clientele, while simultaneously he was beginning to be offered an increasing amount of work as an interior designer, initially by such friends as Peter Glenville, the theatrical director in New York, and George Weidenfeld in London.

Although he continued to keep an antique shop, it was as a designer that he fulfilled his youthful promise as an artist. John Richardson, the art historian recalls that Bennison would sit in a room on which he was at work like a painter in front of a canvas. He had a unique eye for colour, tone and the evocative sometimes surprising object.

His patrons included many of the Rothschilds and others of equal perception who understood that in employing Bennison they were assisting the creation of works of art far beyond mere charmingly decorated rooms.

As a friend he was much loved and will be missed by a diverse circle of friends. Those who worked for him he treated rather as if they were members of his family than as employees.

MR LESLIE GODDARD

Mr Leslie James Goddard, OBE, for thirty years Rector of St Paul's School, Darjeeling, and an influential educationist in India, died on September 11 at the age of 84.

After taking a history degree at Trinity Hall, Cambridge, where he played football for the university, he went to Westcott House where he passed the General Ordination Examination, after which he spent four years as a house master at St Lawrence College, Ramsgate.

When Goddard arrived to take up his post at St Paul's in February 1934, he found the buildings seriously damaged by the great earthquake of the previous year and a mere 134 pupils, whose standards of discipline and academic achievement were disconcertingly low. However he resisted the temptation to return to Ramsgate where he had passed four happy years, and went on to transform St Paul's into one of the finest schools in Asia.

Although a devout Christian, insisting that the Chapel was to be the centre of life at St Paul's, Goddard was no dogmatist.

Every faith was represented in the school, which rapidly became international in character, with boys from all parts of the sub-continent, Britain, Thailand, Burma, Iran, Singapore and even East Africa, working and playing together in remarkable harmony.

Goddard was chairman of the Conference of Heads of Anglo-Indian Schools after the war.

In 1947, when India achieved her Independence, Goddard decided to stay on and continue his work as one of the country's most respected headmasters. In that year he met Mahatma Gandhi, a week before the latter began his fast to bring to an end the communal strife in Calcutta. That meeting had a profound influence on Goddard's outlook on life and religion.

In 1956 he was appointed OBE for his services to education in India.

In 1958 he had to be flown home to England to undergo major brain surgery. Within a year, however, he was back in Darjeeling, with impaired vision and speech but as enthusiastic and purposeful as ever for a further five years of headmastership.

After his retirement to Penn in 1964 Goddard played host to countless Old Paulites and former colleagues from India. He was a man who transcended the barriers of race and creed.

He is survived by his wife, son and daughter.

SIR JOHN WALKER

Sir John Walker, KCMG, OBE, who died on October 6 at the age of 78 was formerly Ambassador to Venezuela and to Norway.

Born on June 27, 1906 and educated at Ashby Grammar School, London University and the Sorbonne he entered the Department of Overseas Trade in 1929 and spent the next few years in South America as successively, Commercial Assistant Secretary in Santiago, 1931 and in Buenos Aires, 1933.

In 1938 he went to Baghdad as Commercial Secretary, transferring to Madrid in 1944, and becoming Commercial Counsellor there in 1947. From 1948 to 1953 he was in Tehran, before returning to this country to take up the post of HM Inspector of Foreign Establishments at the Foreign Office.

Here he remained until 1955 when he was appointed Ambassador to Venezuela, a post he occupied until 1960. He was Ambassador to Norway from 1961 to 1962. From 1963 to 1969 he was Director-General, Hispanic and Luso-Brazilian Councils.

Walker, who was appointed OBE in 1947, CMG in 1951 and created KCMG in 1959 was the author of two publications, *Economic Survey of Iraq* (1944) and *Economic Survey of Spain* (1948).

He married, in 1934, Muriel Winifred, daughter of Henry John Hill. There were two sons, one of whom died, of the marriage. His wife died in 1976.

MAJ-GEN W. H. D. RITCHIE

Major-General Walter Henry Dennison Ritchie, CB, CBE, who died on October 3 at the age of 83 was Director of Supplies and Transport at the War Office from 1954 to 1957. During the war he served in France, North Africa and Italy where he was Deputy Quartermaster-General firstly to Field Marshal Alexander and from December 1944 to the end of the war in Italy to General Mark Clark.

After his retirement he was Colonel Commandant of the Royal Army Service Corps from 1959 to 1964 and Hon Colonel of 101 Army Emergency Reserve Regiment, Royal Corps of Transport, from 1965 to 1967.

He was Chairman of Earl's Court and Olympia Ltd from 1973, having been Chairman of Earl's Court Ltd from 1967, and was made Life President in 1974.

Science report

The 'sex vitamin' that could aid surgeons and smokers

By Pearce Wright Science Editor

Why should the family of the vitamin molecules include a substance that appears to have no great role to play in protecting people's health?

That question has puzzled biochemists for decades, providing countless young research workers with a subject on which to cut their teeth. But they have yet to reveal some vital benefit for the organs and tissues of the body which eagerly absorb the molecules.

However, vitamin E fails the classic feature ascribed to most of the members of the vitamin family.

Unlike, for example, the effects of dificiencies of vitamin A, B, C or D, all of which prevent acute diseases, the absence of vitamin E in adults causes no recognized illness. However, it has been dubbed the "sex vitamin" and ascribed properties of rejuvenation. Studies in laboratory animals are reported to have found infertility when the substance was absent from the diet. The evidence for the rejuvenating effect is less tangible.

Attempts to treat infertility in people to avoid miscarriages or to strengthen weak muscles by adding vitamin E to the diet have not worked.

Yet it might be a mistake to dismiss the molecule as one of nature's biochemical passengers.

For a report by Dr R. C. Cottrell, of the British Nutrition Foundation, shows increasing evidence that vitamin E has a general benefit to protecting the body against insults.

Dr Cottrell explains in the present issue of *Nutrition Bulletin* the work that shows how the membranes of cells in the body are protected when the vitamin is present.

The mechanism is a complex one, but it works by stopping the destructive chemical reactions that can occur when the body has absorbed various toxins. The sources of the poisons which can set up the train of events causing biochemical damage range from tobacco smoke, urban smog, radiation and uncooked broad-beans.

This general protection provided by vitamin E is a different sort of function from that normally associated with vitamins. But in terms of health and fitness, it is clearly absolutely vital if correct.

In addition, Dr Cottrell reports on studies suggesting that the substance may play a role in protecting infants from a number of illnesses of childhood. They include anaemia in premature infants, breathing difficulties at birth, congenital liver disease and certain rare genetic conditions.

Among adults he suggests vitamin E could be involved usefully in treatment after extensive surgery or where nutrition has to be maintained entirely by infusing into a vein.

There are also experiments to suggest that vitamin E could exert a protective effect on the lungs of cigarette smokers.

Although the substance is just referred to as one compound, it is a group of at least eight formations of a complex chemical which carries the name alpha-tocopherol, which is derived from the Greek *Tokos*, meaning childbirth and *Phero*, to bear.

It is one of the widely available vitamins.

Divisional Court — Law Report October 6, 1984 — Court of Appeal

Lion Intoximeter properly approved

Queen's Bench Division
Hayward v Eames
Kirkpatrick v Harrigan

Before Lord Lane, Lord Chief Justice, Mr Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Leggatt

[Judgment delivered October 9]

The Lion Intoximeter 3000 is a device of a type approved by the Secretary of State for analysing motorists' breath within section 8(1)(a) of the Road Traffic Act 1972 as substituted by section 25 of, and Schedule 8 to, the Transport Act 1981

The Queen's Bench Divisional Court unanimously so held when dismissing an appeal by way of case stated by Revel Henry Hayward, who had been convicted of an offence of driving with excess breath alcohol by Kent Justices sitting at Chatham and allowing an appeal by Police Sergeant David Kirkpatrick against the dismissal by the Metropolitan Stipendiary Magistrate (Miss A. M. Jennings) sitting at Wells Street of an information charging Miss Patricia Harrigan with having failed to provide a breath specimen for analysis contrary to section 8(7) of the 1972 Act.

The cases were called on together and the arguments of both motorists were presented before those of the prosecutors. Applications by counsel for the motorists for certificates enabling an appeal to be made to the House of Lords were refused.

Mr Peter Archer, QC and Mr Graham Lyons for Mr Hayward; Mr W. H. Dunn, QC and Mr Alan Beavan for Miss Harrigan; Mr Geoffrey Grigson for Chief Inspector Michael John Eames; Mr Stuart Sleeman for Sergeant Kirkpatrick.

The LORD CHIEF JUSTICE said that the question to be decided in each case was the same, namely, whether the breath analysis machine known as the Lion Intoxemeter 3000 was a device which had been properly approved by the Secretary of State or not. If not, no evidence emanating from it was admissible and the justices at Chatham were wrong to convict. If the device was properly so approved, the Bow Street Magistrate was wrong in ruling the evidence inadmissible. The precise facts in each case were immaterial.

The revelant words in section 8(1)(a) were that a constable in the course of investigating whether a person had commited an offence might require him to provide two specimens of breath for analysis "by means of a device of a type approved by the Secretary of State". By section 10(3) evidence of breath-alcohol proportion might be given by production of a document automatically by the device.

Approval by the Secretary of State of the type of machine was essential to the whole process of its use to provide guilt in cases of driving after consuming so much alcohol that the proportion in the motorist's breath exceeded the prescribed limit of 35 microgrammes of alcohol in 100 millimetres of breath.

The Breath Analysis Devices (Approval) Order 1983 [ISBN 0 11 340787 4] was dated April 18, 1983, namely, two weeks before section 8 of the 1981 Act came into force.

One argument was that the statute nowhere empowered the Secretary of State to approve the device and there could, therefore, be no approval. The arguments advanced for the motorist were misconceived.

The terms of section 8(1) plainly implied that the Secretary of State had both the power and the duty to approve such type of device as he should think fit.

A similar provision was included in the Road Safety Act 1967 and, with one exception, no one seemed to have thought it deficient. The exception was *R v Clarke* ([1969] 2 QB 91) where similar arguments had been advanced to the court; there counsel, after argument, had conceded the point to be a bad one – a concession applauded by the court.

The wording of section 8 stated plainly and unambiguously that a device approved by the Secretary of State might be used for gauging the proportion of alcohol in the subject's breath. The Lion Intoximeter 3000 was so approved. The fact that the approval was given before the coming into force of that part of the Act did not mean that the approval was any the less effective.

The fact that the approval was embodied in an approval order and was couched in the terms it was had no significance except that the approval became a matter of easy proof. It absolved the prosecution from calling the Minister or a member of his department, as appeared from *Scott v Baker* ([1969] 1 QB 659). The approval order did not pretend to be, nor was it, legislation, whether delegated or otherwise.

The prosecutor's appeal was allowed and the case remitted for the hearing to continue. The motorist's appeal was dismissed. The costs of the prosecutors were ordered to be paid out of central funds and legal aid taxations were ordered for the motorists.

Mr Justice Stuart-Smith and Mr Justice Leggatt agreed.

Solicitors: Stuart Fisher & Co, Rainham; Mr Julian Brown; Sharpe, Pritchard & Co for Mr R. A. Crabb, Maidstone; Solicitor, Metropolitan Police.

Corroboration by radar

Collinson v Mabbott

A reading taken from a radar gun of the type Kustom HR4, or similar, could amount to reliable or proper corroboration of the opinion of a police officer as to the speed of a motor vehicle as required by section 78A of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1967 when the gun had not been checked or tested against the known speed of a police vehicle fitted with a calibrated speedometer, the Queen's Bench Divisional Court (Lord Justice Stephen Brown and Mr Justice Croom-Johnson) held on October 4 when dismissing the defendant's appeal against conviction by the Humberside Stipendiary Magistrate for exceeding the speed limit.

Non-compliance not fatal

Court of Appeal
Hollis v R B Jones (a firm) and Another
Before Lord Justice Eveleigh and Lord Justice Eastham
[Judgments delivered 8 October]

Failure to comply with Order 45, rule 2(1) of the Rules of Supreme Court by not specifying the commencement date of an order that an action be dismissed unless the plaintiff sets it down for hearing within 56 days, was an irregularity but did not have the effect of invalidating the order, so that a court hearing an appeal against a subsequent order dismissing the action for want of prosecution had a discretion under Order 2, rule 1 of the Rules either to uphold or set aside the order in which the irregularity had occurred.

The Court of Appeal so held in dismissing an appeal by the defendants, R B Jenkins (a firm) and Mr Brian Sampson, from a decision of Mr Justice Michael Davies made on 2 March 1984 setting aside the order of a district registrar, who had dismissed an action by the plaintiff, Mr Hollis, suing by his wife as next friend.

Mr John Griffith Williams for the defendants; Mr Gareth Williams, QC and Mr Phillip Rees for the plaintiff.

LORD JUSTICE EVELEIGH said that the plaintiff, who had been seriously injured in an accident in 1978, had issued a writ against the defendants in June 1981. It had been served in June 1982. Before the expiry of the time for setting down the action the defednats took out their summons to have the action dismissed for want of prosecution.

In March 1983 a district registrar in Cardiff ordered that "unless the plaintiff do within 56 days set this action down for hearing pursuant to Order 25, rule 8, this action be dismissed for want of prosecution". That order was not drawn up until some days later

In October 1983 a further order was made by a district registrar dismissing the action for want of prosecution. Mr Justice Michael Davies reversed that order, upholding the plaintiff's case that the order made in March 1983 was invalidated by the failure to specify the time after service within which the plaintiff had to set down the action.

For the defendant it was now argued that the failure to comply with the terms of Order 45, rule 2 was not fatal to the validity of the order; it was no more than an irregularity.

The 1983 order was not to be regarded as being invalid but only as containing an irregularity. That being so the court had a discretion under Order 2, rule 1 either to uphold it or to set it aside. There were no grounds for the defendants to have taken out their striking out summons in March 1983. At that time the plaintiff was not in default and no situation has arisen to allow the district registrar to make the "unless" order. What the district registrar had done was to make the "unless" order when there was no call for it – it was inappropriate. Thus the court should not now exercise its discretion in favour of the defendants.

Lord Justice Eastham agreed. Appeal dismissed.

Solicitors: Masons for Barkers, Bristol; Halliman Blackburn Gittings & Co, Cardiff.

THE ARTS

Peter Schaufuss brings such vigour and initiative to his new job directing London Festival Ballet as to present a real challenge, in terms of dancing as well as repertory, to the primacy of the Royal Ballet itself: John Percival investigates his plans and prospects

Appealing entertainment for a growing audience

Peter Schaufuss's appointment as director of London Festival Ballet, from the start of the new season, could completely change the balance of British ballet. He arrives, aged 35 and bursting with ideas, at a time when the other large London-based dance companies are all showing signs of artistic stagnation. There is no way that Festival Ballet can supplant the Royal Ballet, but it could offer an alternative that appeals to an increasing proportion of the dance audience.

It did that once, under its founders Anton Dolin and Julian Braunsweg and their first successors, but since 1968 it has been run by Royal Ballet alumni. Although the company kept its momentum under Beryl Grey, it came to compete more on the Royal Ballet's own ground, a process that accelerated after John Field took over. Inevitably, that made Festival risk looking like a poor copy instead of an independent alternative.

Schaufuss, whose first comment on being offered the job was "fortunately, I like solving problems", plans to change that. An incoming director inherits commitments made by his predecessor, in this instance a new production of *Coppelia* to be staged next spring by Ronald Hynd. That was expected more or less to exhaust the production budget for the whole season. Schaufuss has managed to agree with his chairman (Sir Ian Hunter, also new this year) and finance director, Peter Morris, economies in other expenditure that enable him to add several works to the repertory without delay.

The choice shows what can be expected from the Schaufuss regime. *Night Creatures*, to be premiered on tour in Novem-ber, is the first work in any British repertory by Alvin Ailey, who puts a healthy dash of Broadway theatricality into his dances; this particular example is generally reckoned one of the most successful of his series to Duke Ellington music.

That will be followed in the new year by Roland Petit's *Carmen*, which has proved so consistent a hit for any company able to find a good cast that it is amazing that no British director ever obtained it before now. The first new creation, due next summer, will be by Christopher Bruce, one of the few young British choreographers with a flair for drama in dance. Afterwards, Schaufuss has what he describes as a long list of choreographers he wants to invite so as to give the dancers wide experience; they include several whose work is unknown in Britain, as well as one of the brightest of local newcomers.

Even more startling, if it comes off, is Schaufuss's hope of presenting Ashton's *Romeo and Juliet* next summer. It has never been given in London, because Ashton, who staged it in Copenhagen before seeing any other version, feared his delicate effects would be killed by comparison with bolder treatments. Whether Schaufuss (whose mother was Ashton's first Juliet) has really succeeded in overcoming those anxieties we shall see, but he says so, and even the attempt shows initiative.

Compare that programme with what the Royal Ballet has lined up for the season. Each of its companies is to have a new production of one of the Tchaikovsky ballets – *The Sleeping Beauty* on tour, *The Nutcracker* at Covent Garden. The former will obviously be useful; the latter will need to be exceptionally good to justify its place in the schedules. Both have been entrusted to the same producer, Peter Wright, on top of his other heavy commitments, which seems odd programming.

Kenneth MacMillan, the principal choreographer, is taking a sabbatical year but will be busy in New York with one of the Royal Ballet's international competitors. David Bintley, listed (but only in the small print at the back of the programmes – why so coy about their best talent?) as company choreographer at Sadler's Wells, is to make one new work there and one at Covent Garden: a reasonable quota, given that he is also commissioned for a new work in Paris. What seems less reasonable is the paucity of performances for his existing ballets. John Cranko, at Bintley's age, was given a much bigger share of performances and still left for lack of opportunities.

Apart from that, and a new duet by André Prokovsky, the Royal Ballet's premières are to be by apprentice choreographers, Jennifer Jackson and Wayne Eagling, and by Michael Corder who, though more experienced, does not exactly have much international standing. It all ties in with the policies at Ballet Rambert and London Contemporary Dance Theatre, who are also apparently unable or unwilling to subject their dancers to external influences, but go cosily on with a tiny group of resident choreographers, among whom only Richard Alston does much to extend the dancers beyond what comes most easily to them.

That is one reason why Rambert and London Contemporary often look dull in comparison with more enterprising small groups, Second Stride or Michael Clark's company, with Janet Smith's company and Extemporary Dance Theatre also making a bid for attention by their choice of repertory. The Royal Ballet ought, in theory, to be better able to avoid the worst effects of any disappointment in their new productions by the strength of their back list, but this year's selection is more notable for what is not included.

It goes without saying, by now, that there is nothing by Antony Tudor (we shall have to go to Paris to see anything by that great English choreographer this year). There is also nothing by de Valois, or Masssine, or Nijinska; not much Cranko, Fokine or Balanchine. Each of the Royal Ballet companies this season is due to dance only one ballet by a living foreign choreographer: Van Manen's *5 Tangos* at the Wells, Kylián's *Strange Land* at the Garden.

One consolation is that, thanks to Ashton's eightieth birthday, his ballets will be slightly more prominent than in some recent seasons, but hardly to the extent justified by his talent, and all drawn from a very incomplete sampling of the works that ought to be preserved if history is not to condemn the Royal Ballet's guardians as irresponsible and short-sighted.

A batch of promotions – Bryony Brind, Fiona Chadwick, Alessandra Ferri and Ashley Page – brings some new life to the mainly rather elderly line-up of principal dancers at Covent Garden. But one cannot help wondering whether Anthony Dowell's appointment as assistant to the director heralds less frequent appearances by him, and David Wall's early retirement has already left the male ranks dangerously exposed if anything like last season's run of injuries should recur, as could happen if there is anything in the theory that excessively acrobatic demands by some choreographers are partly to blame for distorting dancers' physiques and weakening them.

In respect of dancing as well as repertory, Peter Schaufuss at Festival Ballet could present a real challenge to the Royal Ballet. He has already recruited two outstanding young men to fill vacancies at principal dancer level, Patrick Armand from France and Raffaele Paganini from Italy. He hopes to get the former Bolshoi soloist Vladimir Derevianko as a full-time member too.

With that aggressive recruitment policy (and others are already lined up for next year) goes a determination to make the most of the talent within the company. As a first step, he has been working with the ballet staff to establish a company style that reflects his own international experience. In the longer term, he would like a school attached to the company to break the near-monopoly of the Royal Ballet School. That could do nothing but good.

In effect, Schaufuss's attitude is much like the policy on which Dolin originally based Festival Ballet: that standards must be the highest attainable, and that the purpose of ballet is to entertain an audience, not just feed creative egos. His individual voice is a refreshing change after the compromises and committee jargon that have fogged British ballet lately. Companies other than Festival could find themselves forced into a similar consideration of what they really want to achieve.



Schaufuss: "Fortunately, I like solving problems"

Television

Evident enthusiasm

There were moments in Thames's **A Shred of Evidence** when the detail of the work in Scotland Yard's Forensic Science Laboratory rather overwhelmed the sense of privilege at being able to see it on television for the first time. One such was the commentary on the corpse of a victim of heroin when one wished the subject of it were less obtrusive; another the examination of the unlawful killing of the actor Peter Arne.

In the first, foul play was eliminated, for the laboratory not only confirms crime but also rules it out; in the second the link between Mr Arne's death and the suicide of a man whose body was recovered later from the Thames was indicated without being pronounced legally conclusive.

But, squeamishness apart, and giving Thames credit for intitative while jibbing at their enthusiasm, it was a good programme from the director-producer Liz Neeson. The 200 scientists, working for the Metropolitan and City of London police forces, are world-renowned and, though police employees, quite impartial. Their first duty, explained the director, Dr Ray Williams, was to scientific objectivity. His staff were working for the police but the "ultimate customer" was the court.

The laboratory was established in 1935 and to its accumulated expertise has added over the years computers, electron microscopes and spectrometers, enabling it to glean more and more information from less and less material. We were shown how a hit-and-run driver was traced from particles of glass in a road and specks of paint, how a series of rapes were linked and the perpetrator convicted, how a bank draft was proved to have been altered from £60 to £60,000.

Dr Iain West described the Libyan Information Bureau shooting and we learnt how meticulous work had established that two Sterling submachine guns had been used and their firing positions located. Dr West added the sad footnote on how WPC Fletcher had been standing when she was shot: turning slightly with her arms peaceably folded.

The laboratory investigates three per cent of known crimes in the capital. One-fifth of its staff have suffered from cutbacks and, we were told, an increase of one per cent in its already prodigious workload would make it impossible to cope, which made one wonder about the priority of that law and order we hear so much about.

Dennis Hackett

Dance

On Your Toes

Palace Theatre

Musically, the best number in *On Your Toes* is probably "Glad to be unhappy", the brave, sad ballad that Siobhan McCarthy sings as Frankie when Junior has stood her up to have lunch with Vera Baronova. Uniquely in this show it has no dance, almost no business; she just sits or stands, and sings. That shows what Rodgers and Hart could do through words and music alone. But of course the reason why this particular show of theirs is back on the boards is that it is the one in which George Balanchine introduced Broadway to the word choreography.

Only the final *Slaughter on Tenth Avenue* ballet of his survives, and that in a version he made in the Sixties, but he also advised Peter Martins on the *Princess Zenobia* ballet which ends the first half, so the Balanchine flair adds the finishing stroke to both halves. In both of them, the London production has now notched up its third ballerina, Galina Panova, although Doreen Wells (who originally shared the role with Makarova, then held the fort alone) still plays two shows a week.

Natalia Makarova is not just a difficult act to follow: she is impossible, in a role that might have been written as a prescient caricature, years before her birth, of her accent and personality. Panova has the accent, and the strongest technique; Wells has the personality and the best legs (quite a factor in this part). Both of them play the role with relish and look marvellous in Zack Brown's gorgeous costumes.

With no disprespect to either of them, it has to be said that Tim Flavin, who gave even Makarova a run for her money, now emerges as the star of *Slaughter on Tenth Avenue*, not only for the hilarious series of increasingly desperate reprises with which he tries to stave off assassination, but also because he plays his role of a seedy, sinister hoofer with an intensity that lets Balanchine's sly jokes and his voluptuous pas de deux make equal impact.

Patricia Merrin, the new leader of Donald Saddler's ballet to the title number of *On Your Toes*, gives it an extra zip that enhances the effect of Richard Rodgers's theme and Hans Spialek's overwhelming orchestration.

John Percival



Concert

Sophisticated sense of humour

LSO/Abbado

Barbican

Rudolf Serkin, into his eighties, is not an old man. I refuse to believe it. Old men do not walk with his sprightly upright gait, nor bound up the steps to the platform to receive applause with such impish delight. Nor, one would have thought, do they play Mozart with the kind of spontaneity with which Mr Serkin gave the E flat Piano Concerto, K482, in the final concert of the London Symphony Orchestra's Shell-sponsored national tour.

But he is no youngster either. Every note he played spoke of a lifetime's experience, the kind that tells you that each performance has the scope to reveal new insights, and in his case undoubtedly will.

Of course, the framework for this searching interpretation of a piece that spans unusual extremes of emotion, even for Mozart, was provided by the characteristic Serkin sound. That sound is dry, even brittle, and one used to a smoother modern touch might have slightly regretted the hint of stiffness found in the occasional semiquaver run. But Serkin's penetrating reflectiveness in the central Andante, though accompanied by an over-lush orchestra, was magisterial, and the finale, so easily converted into something quite empty, remained here a movement touched with an entirely sophisticated humour.

Complementing this work, and pleasingly, was music by Mendelssohn. The Overture *The Fair Melusina* is, in the nicest sense, effect music, and it suited Claudio Abbado's temperament well. His orchestra played with an impressively crisp ensemble and with a welcome sophisticated sound, as indeed they did in the brisk passions of the "Italian" Symphony, for which Abbado's special affection was obvious.

A happy occasion, then, and made more so by the presentation of awards to the four south-eastern finalists in this year's Shell-LSO Scholarship competition. Evelyn Glennie (the winner) and Christopher Thomas hail from Scotland and Wales, and so received their awards in appropriate cities earlier in the tour. They, and their fellow percussionists Andrew Barclay, Derek Gleeson, Rachel Gledhill and Simon Carrington, will be heard from again, I am sure.

Stephen Pettitt

● *Music and Machines*, the most extensive concert series devoted to the work of Stockhausen ever presented in Britain, takes place at the Barbican from January 8 to 16. The BBC Symphony Orchestra plays a major part in the six concerts, soloists include the composer's sons Markus and Simon, and Stockhausen himself presides.

London debuts

Singing fingers

Penelope Roskell has light, nimble, singing fingers and an imagination to match. She will pause, meditatively, at the start of the Berg Op 1 Sonata the better to achieve a rapt concentration as phrase dissolves into phrase, each with its own clearly defined contours. On the other hand, she will frisk her way into the Schubert D850 D major Sonata before she is barely seated, capturing nicely the sprightly vivacity of its opening.

Everything, in fact, is minutely thought through and, for the most part, faultlessly achieved. But Ms Roskell sets herself only a modest frame of reference: her considerable musicianship and technical fluency are bounded by an apparent determination never to push anything too far, or to risk the marring of perfection by spontaneity or risk-taking. So, although her Debussy Book I *Préludes* were lucid, coherent and finely proportioned, they yielded disappointingly little. There is more to wait and listen for, and in silence as much as in sound, than Ms Roskell would have us believe. It could well be that, with the stimulus of fellow musicians in chamber music-making, Ms Roskell's responses are sharpened to provide more substantial material for her finely tuned but bland musicianship to work on.

Le Duo Romantique, two Belgian guitarists, Françoise-Emmanuelle Denis and Christine Goffinet, have chosen unedited and little-known works from the nineteenth century for their province, and they play then on handsome, rich-toned instruments of the romantic period.

Unfortunately the repertoire, even in the fingers of the strongest advocates, is not one to send you running back for more; and the effect of having every harmonic and rhythmic second of bland salon morceaux sketched in by a second instrument only reinforces the music-box quality of their *plaisanterie*. In a programme of little dance suites by, among others, de Raoulx, Castellaci and Diabelli, the Four Pieces by José Ferrer, and Fernando Sor's *L'Encouragement*, stood out for at least some signs of imaginative writing for the instruments in hand – and Mlles Denis and Goffinet made the most of their shifting colours and timbres. But their technique was by no means faultless: too many buzzing strings and blurred figurations indicated that, despite their enterprise and gently attractive stage personalities, neither artist was of any memorably distinctive performing character or potential virtuosity.

Hilary Finch

Opera

Tannhäuser

Covent Garden

Half the problem with *Tannhauser*, after all, is Tannhauser. And, in a production which still scarcely knows quite what to make of him, Spas Wenkoff, who has just taken over from Klaus König in Elijah Moshinsky's new staging, does a fair enough job.

As Paul Griffiths remarked of this production when it opened, it takes us to the edge of the world: the trouble is that it is far from sure what it should be finding there. It is hardly Mr Wenkoff's fault then if, in company with one or two others on the stage (and doubtless in the audience too), he seems neither to disbelieve nor quite to believe what is happening to him.

He comes into his element in the self-tormenting frenzy of the last act in which his tight, sinewy baritonic tenor can squeeze out the inner agony effectively enough. In the first two acts, though, neither voice nor production is able to generate sufficient dramatic momentum to support it. His extolling of Venus, for instance, is vocally and physically constricted; he sings primarily to Sir Colin Davis and the pit, whose own brusque heroics do little to warm his elation.

Mr Wenkoff's engaging, wide fluoride grin serves him well in the expression of derangement. But the manic leer, the restless shifting from foot to foot during Wolfram's aria and the tottering histrionics surely betoken an unease outside as much as inside his role. It is this central Wartburg act, indeed, which reveals most forcibly how a production apparently unconvinced at its core by the work's ethos and mythology can only throw its protagonist, and further dislocate itself.

Hilary Finch



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313	226½	Joseph (Leopold)	233	-5	16.1	6.9	12.2
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460	330	Kleinwort Benson	330	● -20	17.9	5.4	8.3
532	422	Lloyds	484	..	34.9	7.2	4.1
63	49	Lon Scot Fin	55	-1	3.8	6.9	10.7
42	25	Manson	25	● ..	1.4	5.7	8.9
610	423	Mercury Secs	423	-25	16.4	3.9	8.9
429	277	Midland	352	-2	36.4	10.3	8.6
173	110	Minster Assets	171	+2	7.1	4.2	15.6
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246	164	Royl Bnk Of Scot	224	..	11.0	4.9	7.9
906	625	Schroders	645	● -30	23.6	3.7	10.8
370	280	Secombe M	355	+5	28.6	8.0	11.7
71	48	Smith St Aubyn	63	..	6.4	10.2	5.7
579	442	Stand Chart	477	+5	40.0	8.4	6.6
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120	95½	Gordon & Gotch	125	+2	10.7	8.6	42.9
226	176	Haynes Publishing	210	●	17.1	8.2	12.9
173	160	Home Counties	167				
173	150	Independent	153		12.9	7.8	
504	360	Int Thomson	494		14.6	2.8	18.4
508	410	Link House	490	● -5	22.4	4.6	13.9
242	192	Liverpool	202	●	15.9	7.5	8.4
485	380	News International	470	●	12.1	2.6	82.2
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FINANCE AND INDUSTRY

Executive Editor Kenneth Fleet

Millions moved by BT's irresistible offer

In its attempt to promote graphically wider share ownership, the Government is doing its best to make the British Telecom issue into an offer which private investors cannot refuse. The carrot dangled in front of small investors are temptingly large.

Buyers can choose either to receive vouchers to pay phone bills, or share bonuses. The vouchers, worth £18 each, are available 18 months after the share sale, up to a maximum of 12, depending on the size of the shareholding. Only one voucher can be used with each quarterly telephone bill but all are valid for 10 months. Their worth, strictly speaking, cannot be included in the yield the shares offer, since the vouchers eventually run out. Kleinwort, Benson, the merchant banker involved, calculated that while the vouchers last, they are worth an annualized return of 10 per cent gross (seven per cent after tax) on top of the conventionally calculated dividend yield.

Alternatively, investors of £5,000 in BT shares or more can choose the share bonus; an extra share for every 10 shares they hold. The only snag is that this "extra" comes after *three years, not* immediately. The ploy has been used once before – with the ill-fated Britoil share issue.

Both vouchers and bonus shares are free of income tax. This is specially good for higher rate taxpayers. The bonus shares *issued after the three years will be valued* at the then market value, not the original launch price. So, if the price has risen, any capital gains tax liability on them is reduced.

Are these carrots having the desired effect? BT has been monitoring the public's response to the promotional campaign, with the help of MORI. So far, of Britain's adult population 78 per cent is aware that BT is being privatized. More surprizingly perhaps, 25 per cent – around 12 million people – are seriously thinking of buying £250 worth or more of BT shares. The number of private shareholders is 1.8 million. How many of the 12 million actually do buy in the end is *anyone's guess, but we might be about to* witness the biggest single leap towards people's capitalism history has yet seen.

The disappearing BSA rate

The Building Societies Association meeting on Friday could witness the death of the BSA's ailing "recommended" mortgage and investment rates. Since the latest outbreak of fierce competition between societies the old cartel's most visible devize no longer serves any useful purpose. It was completely ignored by almost all societies on the last two occasions when mortgage and investment rates went shooting up. Recognizing that it had become a dead letter, the Department of Employment no longer uses the BSA rate in its Retail Price Index calculations.

The societies are just beginning to appreciate the implications of what is happening. *To raise rates competitively is* easy; to lower them without some sort of co-ordination is much harder, because the first society to put its investment rates down inevitably loses valuable deposits. This understanding could eventually lead to the reintroduction of some sort of informal agreement between societies over *rate movements, but so far there is no sign* of it. In the meantime, as many building society managers now recognise, whatever the Halifax does takes on even greater importance than before as a signal to smaller societies.

For the industry as a whole the Halifax, currently, is not sufficiently representative of the market to "fix" the pattern of rates. Its mortgage rates are low, starting at 12.75 per cent, while its investment rates are as high as other societies.'. The Halifax's comment that it might consider reducing its investment, but not mortgage, rates if base rates fell was essentially a thought directed to improving its own profit margins.

Base rate cut *not long delayed*

Disappointing money figures – a rise of up to 1½ per cent in Sterling M3 in the five weeks to mid-September – have presumably dashed a Conservative Party conference cut in bank base rates. No harm in that. Whatever the *moentary justification*, a cut just this week would have provoked allegations that the Government was playing cynical politics; that its nerve had been broken by unemployment figures and it was ready to do anything quick and easy to boost the economy. Such specu*lation would have weakened the Chancel*lor's hand in his struggle with colleagues in the annual spending round, whish looks set to be an exceptionally tough one.

As noted here yesterday, the latest setback could lead to a steeper fall in interest rates in a few weeks. Although the September figures take the growth in Sterling M3 to the very top of the Government's target range of 6-10 per cent (and raise the growth of "little Mo", which has been encouragingly low, to 5½ per cent), they bode well for the futur. The figurs are swollen by a statistical oddity in the interbank item; and by a certain amount of round tripping, estimated to have added between £250m and £750m to *the figures.*

The first is unlikely to be repeated, the second is likely to unwind in later months, helping to bring the monetary growth rate down sharply. Although public borrowing was disappointinly high, this too should fall pretty sharply; the markets are already coming to appreciate the Bank of England's considerable funding success during the first half of a difficult year.

So three-month inter-bank rates, now elevated to considerable importance on the money instrument panel, rose only a little on publication of the money figures. They were too high to justify a cut in base rates; but suggested that the moment of renewed confidence may not be long *delayed. It will be stronger without the* complications of Brighton propaganda.

Some banks unhappy with Johnson Matthey rescue

By Jeremy Warner

Several Banks and other organizations involved in the Bank of England's rescue package for Johnson Matthey Bankers, are having second *thughts about the deal.*

Some of the banks feel that the package is inequitable and that they are being unfairly asked to participate in the rescue of a bank whose problems they had nothing to do with and which may have been avoidable.

JMB was taken over by the Bank of England last week after possible losses of £150m on loans to commercial customers came to light. The package involved 25 of the biggest banks in London agreeing to provide a £250m line of credit for the bank's parent company Johnson Matthey plc.

In addition, several banks and other financial institutions were persuaded by the Bank of England to agree to meet the losses of up to £60m at Johnson Matthey Bankers, *should they* occur. The banks, in effect, agreed to indemnify the losses of JMB should they extend beyond a certain level.

It is in this area of the package that the Bank of England is now finding it hard to persuade all the participants to put up their share of the pool.

Banking sources stressed yesterday that there was no danger of the rescue being jeopardized but there was unhappiness in some quarters about the amount of money involved and the terms of the indemnity.

Various banks called on to particiapte are also unhappy that the tax position of the indemnity has yet to be clarified. They want to be able to offset the money against tax, *but the Inland Revenue has so* far refused to accept that this is the correct treatment.

A spokesman for the Revenue said yesterday that supporting banks would receive tax relief only if the money is called upon. "A guarantee is not of itself tax allowable," the Revenue said.

Johnson Matthey Bankers is one of five members of the exclusive London gold market. The other four members have agreed to put up about £7.5m each.

The problems have occurred with banks which believe they are being asked to guarantee too much considering that they had no connextion with JMB or the gold market.

The terms of the rescue have already drawn strong criticism *from* institutional investors in Johnson Matthey plc and Kleinwort Benson, the merchant bank, was recently appointed *to seek further* information on the circumstances of the rescue.

Johnson Matthey Bankers' well publicized *problems* have not deterred potential buyers for all or part of the group, the Bank of England confirmed yesterday.

Although the Bank is reticent about the precise number and nature of the inqpiries by would-be buyers, a Bank spokesman said there had been "a lot".

Account law for Lloyd's

The concept of "true and a fair" view accounting became mandatory for Lloyd's of London syndicates this week when *Lloyd's Council approved* the Syndicate Accounting By-law, which requires the preparation of syndicate annual reports. (Alison Eadie writes.)

The by-law helps bring the insurance market into line with company law and substantially improves standards accounting and accountability, according to Lloyd's chief executive, Mr Ian Hay Davison.

Because of Lloyd's three-year lag in preparing accounts, the by-law is retrospective and becomes effective for annual reports prepared in 1985 for 1982 results. However, the "true and fair" view requirement will not become mandatory until 1986 for 1983 results, because it would be impossible to achieve such accounts for about 30 per cent of Lloyd's syndicates in 1982.

STOCK EXCHANGES

FT-SE 100 Index: 1136.6 down 2.4 (high: 1142.4; low: 1136.5)
FT Index: 866.2 down 0.4
FT Gilts: 80.76 down 0.22
FT All Share: 535.44 down 0.39
Bargains: 19,422
Datastream USM Leaders index: 102.55 up 0.13
New York: Dow Jones Industrial Average: (latest) 1183.74 up 5.85
Tokyo: Nikkei Dow Jones Index 10,668.71 down 8.22
Hongkong: Hang Seng Index 982.36 up 18.88
Amsterdam: 177.0 up 0.8
Sydney: AO Index 742.6 *down* 2.7
Frankfurt: Commerzbank Index 1069.0 up 0.9

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LONDON CLOSE

Sterling
Index 76.3 down 0.1 (range 76.5-76.3)
$1.2290 down 70pts
DM 3.7950 up 0.02
FrF 11.6225 up 0.06
Yen 304.25 down 1.0
Dollar
Index 142.4 up 0.6
DM 3.0855 up 0.0335

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Sovereigns* (new): *$80.50 - 81.50 (£65.75 - 66.50)*
*Excludes VAT

Dixons offers to talk on Currys bid

By Jonathan Clare

Mr Stanley Kalms, the chairman of Dixons Group, sad yesterday that he wanted to sit down and talk with Currys Group about his £180m offer before the bid developed into a battle between the two high street retailers.

"We are determined to succeed but nevertheless if possible to negotiate a recommendation in the best interests of management, staff and customers," he told shareholders at the annual meeting.

Mr Kalms said afterwards that Currys board had rejected *invitations to talk made since* the brief initial meeting after the bid was announced last Thursday.

But Mr Terry Curry, Currys' joint managing director, said later: "As I sit here at this moment there is nothing to talk about. If he wants to put something on the table we will talk about it – we're not being bloody-minded about this. But we have no intention of selling the Currys Group".

He also said that the company had had no contact with Dixons since the bid was announced.

Dixons maintains that it had *intended to formally negotiate* with the Currys board before launching its bid but it was preempted into a premature move by the rapid rise in the Currys share price last week.

The rise in the share price is the subject of a Stock Exchange inquiry.

Mr Kalms also told shareholders that he realized Currys *would be able to mount a* "spirited defence" and that he expected both a profits forecast and an assets revaluation. But he said that the forecast would be irrelevant unless it was based on trading profits and not just on raiding reserves or on property sales. An asset valuation "provides only a backstop to the underlying value of a company if it were to be liquidated".

Afterwards he said he thought the strength of the *Curry family holdings in the* company had been overdone: "I don't dispute the arithmetic of the family holdings (about 35 *per cent)* but I do *dispute* whether the whole family will reject our bid."

If the Dixons bid is successful the Currys name will be retained and the chain maintained largely intact with rationalization only where there is an obvious clash of sites, he said.

The Dixons bid document is expected at the end of this week.

Dixons' retail sales were 35 per cent ahead in the first 21 weeks of the present year compared with a year ago.

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Brown Bear seller and buyer: Northcott (left) and Harris

Harris expands after £12m interim profits

By Christopher Dunn

Harris Queensway, the fast-growing carpets and furniture group, yesterday unveiled two *eyecatching deals* after announcing record interim profits of £12m (£9.3m).

The group plans to build up a new 60-strong edge-of-town electrical hardware chain called Ultimate. Mr Phil Harris, Harris Queensway's chairman, said that Ultimate would compete directly with Comet Radiovision, the electrical discount stores chain snatched from under the group's nose by Woolworth earlier this year in a bitter bid battle.

"We were disappointed not to get Comet, but we knew that its profits were bound to take a slight dip. That's why we didn't bid up for the group against Woolworth", Mr Harris said.

The Ultimate deal, a joint venture with Debenhams, should cost around £10m. The first store will open in November, and a further five early next *year. "We have been looking at* this project for over a year", Mr Harris said. "The stores are beautifuly designed. You can't miss them."

Harris Queensway also announced it was buying Loxmill, the holding company for Richard Norhcott's latest retailing venture, Brown Bear, for £5.5m.

Mr Northcott, who sold the Dodge City DIY chain to Woolworth for £20m three years ago, started Brown Bear last year. He aimed to sell furniture in a complete room setting, which the customer could take away *en bloc*

For the six months to March *31 1984, the six Brown Bear* furniture superstores registered a loss of £945,000 on net assets worth £1.98m. This figure compares with an institutional injection of some £3m start-up capital, in the spring.

Harris Queensway is paying an interim dividend of 1.25p (1.125p). City analysts now hope to see full-year profits in *the region of £33m (£25.6m).*

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Sketchley to expand by franchising

By Derek Harris Commercial Editor

Sketchley Cleaners, one of the top two *dry-cleaning* chains; plans to expand through franchising in parts of Britain it has not yet penetrated, starting with Lancashire and Yorkshire.

With the cleaning chain contributing nearly half of Sketchley group's pretax profits – £10.8m for the group last time – the chain stands to net in royalties from a likely 100 franchised outlets about £1.2m annually on today's prices. Of that, 40 per cent would be ploughed back into promotion, leaving the chain with a clear £720,000.

Sketchley is venturing into franchising for the first time, partly because *it wants* faster growth than would be possible by extending its present company-operated chain of nearly 500 outlets, concentrated mostly in the Midlands and the South.

Mr Peter Dobbie, group marketing director and acting managing director of the British retail cleaning operation, said: "The other factor is that this is a people business. A cleaning outlet runs well as an integrated operation, relying on one or two key people."

Sketchley still plans to open further outlets of its own. New ones were recently opened in *Leicester and High Wycombe.*

In the first year, Sketchley aims to set up six franchises, with about £64,000 investment for each outlet. The franchisee will have to find a minimum of £20,000 in cash, including a once-and-for-all licence fee of £5,000.

Another 12 franchised outlets are targeted in the next year, with a further 20 the following year, eventually rising to 100.

NEWS IN BRIEF

Premier bid extended by Carless

Carless Capel has again extended its one-for-three share offer for Premier Consolidated, this time unitl October 17. Acceptances so far are a paltry 1.77 per cent, but Mr John Leonard, Carless's chairman, said he was pressing ahead with his campaign to persuade Premier shareholders of the merits of the merger.

● BOWTHORPE HOLDINGS, the electronics company with substantial overseas interests, has turned in record half-year *profits*, up by 44 per cent from £6.9m to £9.9m. Turnover has risen by 27.5 per cent to £52.6m. The interim dividend *has been increased from 1.840p* to 2.070p.

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● CHRISTIES INTERNATIONAL, *the fine art* auctioneer, has increased pretax profits for the six months to June 30 to *£7.7m*, up from *£4.1m. Turnover increased* from £21.2m to £28.6m. The board has declared an interim dividend of 3p against 2.5p last time.

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● BRITISH AEROSPACE *has won* another American order for its 146 airliner. Air Wisconsin, a leading US regional carrier, is to pay £12m *for* a 100-passenger version of the aircraft, its seventh. The order comes only 10 days after Aspen Airways, of Denver, Colorado, placed a £25m order for two.

● FOUR STC directors are to join the board of ICL as a result of the agreed merger between the two companies.

● MR JAMES PRIOR, former Northern Ireland Secretary and now head of the GEC group, has also been asked to *rejoin the* board of United Biscuits, the snacks and McVitie's biscuits group, as a non-executive director.

● GOLD will average $450 an ounce next year, a report from Amalgamated Metal Trading, the *London brokers*, says.

Nigeria agrees $2bn deal

By John Lawless

Nigeria and the world's export credit agencies have done a remarkable deal over the *country's $2billion (£1.6 billion)* worth of short-term trade debts. In effect, the deal allows many companies to decide whether they *want to renounce their* insurance claims against the agencies.

It has been agreed that creditors with verified claims will have to go through the normal agency channels for recompense, but will receive 1 per cent interest over London inter-bank offered rate (Libor) on what they are owed from Nigeria.

That agreement, without a Paris Club rescheduling contract in place, is unusual enough. However, the way in *which companies with difficulty* in proving their claims ar to be treated is extraordinary.

They will have to decide whether they wish to give up insurance organizations such as Britian's Export Credits *Guarantee Department.*

If they opt for this, and have no substantial disagreement with Nigeria over the validity of their debts, they will be offered six-year promissory notes on exactly the same lines as those offered to uninsured trade creditors last April.

Suspended chief offers to purchase Espley for £10m

By William Kay City Editor

The world of Mr Ron Shuck has come crashing about his *ears. At the start of this year he* was chairman of two public companies with a combined stock market value of more *than £26m.*

One, Associated Telecommunications, has had its quote suspended for two months pending a deal valuing it at under £1m. Yesterday the other, Espley Trust, announced that it had suspended Mr Shuck from executive duties and that he had countered with a cash takeover bid putting a tag of £9.8m on Espley.

It is clear that the boardroom atmosphere at Espley has *deteriorated* rapidly in the month since Mr Shuck, an ebullient former rugby player, handed over the chairmanship to *Mr Ronnie Aitken, who is* widely respected as a company "doctor".

Yesterday's statement said that Mr Shuck had been suspended "pending the completion of investigations relating *to certain properties in Scot*land". He remains a director.

City sources suggested that this extraordinary move was



Ron Shuck: position reserved

prompted in part by the Bank of Scotland and Barclays Bank, who together have lent about £15m to Espley.

The properties in Scotland were formerly owned by Carron, the Falkirk foundry group which went bust several years ago. They were sold to Espley by a *private company called* Foxbridge. Some attempt is being made to ascertain the exact ownership of Foxbridge, which is based on the Isle of Man.

Espley is a property company with *interests in the United* Kingdom, US and Belgium. Mr Shuck has been seling the United Kingdom properties this year in an attempt to convert it into an industrial company. But the shares plunged in July when the board passed the final divident. They have fallen from 97p to 20p at one stage.

Mr Aitken said yesterday: "It's a bit of a dog's dinner. I have not had a row with Mr Shuck, but he did not go quietly. I felt it was correct and right to suspend him, but these things have given one no pleasure whatsoever. Absolutely none."

The new chairman plans to extend the sales programme by disposing of Espley's 43 per cent stake in American Property Group, *which has valuable* interests in Atlantic City, New Jersey, and its Belgium operation, Codic. "You have got to be a rather larger baby than Espley is before you can run outside your own cabbage patch," Mr Aitken remarked. "It is a question of the company's survival."

"I cannot comment on that or any other matters," Mr Shuck said. "I have to reserve my position on the question of *further disposals.*"

INVESTMENT TRUSTS

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
147	119	Aberdeen	147		5.9	4.7	
81½	68	Adia	81	● -½	1.9	2.3	
555	438	Alliance	553	●	20.7	3.7	
112	88½	Amer	111	+1	3.6	3.3	
260	218	Ang Amer Sec	256	-2	7.6	3.0	
70	55½	Ang Int	63	● -2	10.0	15.9	
600	384	Ang Int Ass	533	-10			
157	115	Ang Scot	155	●	4.0	2.6	
368	310	Ashdown	364		10.9	2.9	
141	96	Atlanta	110		1.6	1.4	
101	75	Atlantic Assets	90	●	0.7	0.8	
80	67	Bankers	80	+1	3.0b	3.7	
172	130	Berry	172		1.4	0.8	
148	117	Border & Sthrn	145	-2	4.5	3.1	
91	79	Br Amer Gen	90		3.7	4.1	
181	140½	Br Assets	181		8.4b	4.7	
29	20½	Br Empire Sec	25		1.3	5.2	
325	281	British Inv	323		16.7	5.2	
66	55	Brunner	64		2.7b	4.2	
19	7⅞	Camellia	£18½	●	12.9b	0.8	
71	60	Charter Agency	71	+1	3.0b	4.2	
493	418	Continental	490	+2	24.3	5.0	
171	125	Crescent Japan	158		0.4	0.3	
570	375	Delta	370				
94	80	Derby Inc	93		9.5	10.2	
94	80	Do Cap	94	●			
267	241	Drayton Cons	265		12.1	4.6	
137	85	Drayton Far East	118		1.2	1.0	
398	292	Drayton Japan	386		1.4	0.4	
349	296	Drayton Premier	344	-2	16.4	4.8	
163	140	Dundee Lon	155		6.2	4.0	
206	148	Edin Amer Asset	195	+2	1.2	0.6	
103	87	Edinburgh	98		3.6	3.6	
244	210	Electric Gen	242	+1	4.5	1.9	
222	192	English Int	213	● +1	8.9	4.2	
65	52	English Scot	64	● +1	1.6b	2.5	
90	69	English NY	90		3.3	3.7	
84	69	F & C Alliance	82		2.3	2.8	
167	117	F&C Pacific	140	●	5.0b	3.6	
168	162	Family	174	●	9.4	5.4	
233	184	First Scot Amer	230		8.6b	3.7	
245	178	First Un Gen	180	●	8.7	4.8	
436	342	Fleming American	428	-2	6.1	1.4	

1984 High	Low	Company	Price	Ch'ge	Gross Div pence	Yld %	P/E
225	185	Fleming Claver	213	-1	11.1	5.2	
234	180	Fleming Enterprise	221	+2	10.4	4.7	
315	226	Fleming Far East	282		2.9	1.0	
518	390	Fleming Japan	500	● +2	4.3	0.8	
107	90	Fleming Mercantile	103		4.0	3.9	
310	246	Fleming Overseas	305		10.0	3.5	
180	118½	Fleming Tech	147	+1	3.1	2.1	
284	215	Fleming Universal	260	● +1	9.6	3.7	
122	99	For Col	121	-1	3.6b	3.0	
108	82	Frost (JJ & D)	84		4.0	4.8	
175	120	GT Japan	164	●	2.0	1.2	
508	433	General Funds	508		12.8	2.5	
219	184	General Cons	219		12.0	5.5	
104	77	Glasgow Stock	101		2.6	2.6	
247	197	Globe	236	●	12.9	5.4	
215	178	Greenfriar	184		1.9	1.0	
220	167½	Gresham House	180		5.7	3.2	
139	114	Hambros	136		5.3	3.9	
224	187	Hill (P)	216	-2	11.8	5.5	
485	390	Invest-in Success	453	+3	7.8	1.7	
198	182	Inv Cap	196		5.1	2.6	
82½	43	Japan Assets Keep	50	-½	0.1	0.1	
287	215	Lake View	279		6.5	2.3	
153	130	Law Debenture	151		7.1b	4.7	
83	64	Lon Merchant Sec	73	●	2.6	3.6	
92	71	Lon Trust	89		3.9	4.4	
87	70	Merchants	84	+1	4.0b	4.8	
143	121	Monks	142		3.4	2.4	
103½	85	Murray Income	101	●	6.4	6.4	
84	67	Murray Growth	82				
108	88	Murray Intl	107				
158	122	Murray Small	150	+1	3.3	2.2	
280	225	Murray Ventura	254	●	6.3b	2.5	
345	303	New Court	330		19.6	6.0	
73	58	New Darien Oil	65		0.4e	0.6	
170	139	1928	161	●	7.9	4.9	
43	34	Nwthrog Inc 83	36½		3.2	8.8	
342	256	New Tokyo	330	-1			
274	222	Nth Atlantic Sec	257		4.3	1.5	
138	108	Nth Sea Assets	125		4.3	3.4	
244	205	Nthn Amer	242	-1	7.7	3.2	
117	97	Outwich	117		3.7	3.2	
35	24	Personal Assets	32	+1	0.6	1.8	

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305	243	Raeburn	282		12.0	4.3	
114	93	River & Merc	113		6.4	5.7	
187	158	River Plate	158		9.3b	5.9	
180	135	Robeco	158				
152½	127	Rolinco	147				
226	185	Romney	217		6.3	2.9	
48½	44½	Rorento	£48½	+½			
274	237	St Andrews	273		10.0	3.7	
235	191	Scottish	231		6.7	2.9	
205	174	Scot American	202	●	7.2	3.6	
138	117	Scot Eastern	138	●	5.0	3.6	
333	270	Scot Mtge	333		9.1	2.7	
202	186	Scot Nat	200	+1	5.7	2.9	
117	92½	Scot Nthn	113	●	4.7	4.1	
328	285	Scot Merc 'A'	328		11.0	3.4	
494	394	Secnd Alliance	482	●	17.9	3.7	
103	84	Sec Of Scotland	100		4.6	4.6	
68	51	Smaller Cos	60				
38	32½	Stewart Enterp	35		0.6	1.6	
116	93	Stockholders	115		2.9	2.5	
111	75	Tr Australia	93		2.6	2.8	
73	69	Tr City Of Lon Dfd	72		4.4b	6.2	
139	121	Tr Ind & Gen	137	-1	4.5	3.3	
280	201	Tr Natural Res	238	-1	10.7	4.5	
176	130	Tr North America	165		4.9	3.0	
273	192	Tr Pacific Basin	247	-1	2.9b	1.2	
132	107	Tr Property	129		4.5	3.5	
85	69	Tr Tech	84		2.4	2.8	
118	98	Tr Trustees	115		4.9	4.2	
102	85	Temple Bar	100		6.2b	6.2	
197	160	Throgmorton	192		9.3	4.8	
273	211	Throg Secured Cap	262				
149	123	Trans Oceanic	145		4.3	3.0	
99	80	Tribune	98		2.5	2.4	
81	67½	Triplevest Inc	80½		12.4	15.5	
182	153	US Debenture	174	●	9.3	5.4	
95	75	Viking Resources	85	+1	1.4	1.7	
78	58	Westpool	69	● -1	2.0	2.9	
98	69	Winterbottom Enrgy	87	● -1	1.0	1.1	
135	108½	Witan	131		3.6	2.8	
236	207	Yeoman	236		11.7	4.9	

Grosvenor profits soar to £1.1m

Grosvenor Group, the old Wellco Holdings transformed over the last two and a half years by Mr Gordon Hazzard into a mini-electricals conglomerate, yesterday announced almost doubled profits for the year to June 3.

Pretax profits rose from £573,000 to £1.1m and a final dividend of 3.5p, lifting the total from 5.25p to 5.75p, is being recommended. The results take in a £500,000 loss at Cera, the group's industrial cleaning equipment offshoot. Cera's management has now been changed and the group expects losses there to be substantially reduced this year.

Further acquisitions are planned and the group is giving serious consideration to the possibility of floating some of its subsidiaries on the Unlisted Securities Market.

In brief

● **T C HARRISON:** Interim dividend 0.62p (same) for six months to June 30. (Figures in £000) Turnover 48,051 (47,155). Pretax profit 1,240 (1,512). Tax 574 (764). Earnings per share 2.95p (3.31p) Shares 50p down 1p.

● **BRITISH DREDGING:** Interim dividend 1p (same) for half year to June 30. (Figures in £000) Turnover 3,574 (5,006). Operating profit 502 (248). Net investment income less interest payable 105 (78). Profit 607 (322). Tax 266 (125). extraordinary credit (42). Group profit attributable 341 (239). Earnings per share 1.89p (1.19p).

● **LAWTEX:** Final 0.75p making 1.5p (nil) for 52 weeks to June 30. (53 weeks). (Figures in £000). Turnover 16,858 (17,499). Pretax profit 184 (43) after depriciation 134 (159) and interest 265 (316). Tax 13 (nil). Extraordinary debit (454). Earnings per share 8.54p (2.14p) Shares 47 down 1.

● **COMCAP:** Interim dividend 0.4p for six months to June 30. (Figures in £000). Turnover 12,371 (10,649). Gross profit 1,998 (1,265). Administrative and selling expenditure 820 (496). Operating profit before interest 1,178 (769). Net interest payable 131 (63). Profit before tax 1,047 (706). Tas 194 (122). minority interests 26 (4). Extraordinary debits nil (19) profit attributable 827 (599). Adjusted earnings per share 5.69p (4.20p). Shares 175p up 2p.

● Roger Ballou, aged 33, has been appointed to the newly created position of senior vice president and general manager, Travel Related Services, Europe, Middle East & Africa for American Express Europe. He will be responsible for management of all travel related services, including the American Express Card, Travellers Cheque and travel businesses in Britain and Ireland.

TEMPUS

Predators stalk round Dixons–Currys battle

Reactions yesterday to the Dixons-Currys bid from other retailers, like Sears and Harris Queensway, showed just what a heavy pebble had been tossed into the retailing pool. Yes, commented Sears, Dixons-Currys would fit neatly into the group, adding swiftly that Sears' interest was on a par with its perennial scrutiny of Harrods – only if the price was right.

Harris Queensway revealed that, like Currys, it had retained the services of Fitch and Co to advise on how best to brighten up the stores. But it had no bid plans.

Both Harris and Sears are agreed that consumer confidence had taken a severe knock during the miners' strike in the summer. But now spending was picking up fast, a point endorsed by yesterday's heavy bank lending figures. Spending has seen a sharp lift in September, and this Christmas suddenly threatens to be good.

In more detail, Sears reckons that the miners' strike may have cost some £2m in lost profits, and distinguishes very clearly between an affluent South and a depressed North; a £2m drop in footwear retailing profits paints a picture of real hardship.

Nevertheless, there is something faintly unbelievable about a group with sufficient expertise to add an extra £2m to pretax profits (after last year's 70 per cent gain) which relies on bad weather to boost its betting results. Plainly, the group is itching to negotiate a big US deal presumably involving shoe retailing, but has failed so far to find the ideal match. A 14 per cent rise in the interim dividend did not save the shares from a 5p fall to 79½p.

The Harris Queensway story is closer to home. The group claims to detect a real switch in consumer spending preferences away from brown goods and into furniture and carpets, which theoretically should jolt Dixon's optimism.

So too, on a longer term view, could the group's plans to build a 60-strong edge-of-town brown and white goods retailing chain called Ultimate.

Harris stressed that there is still plenty of turnover in the high street on brown and white goods, adding that the store build-up could take five years. But the move is related to the current logic of retailing which gravitates towards the urban periphery. Hence it highlights the long-term competitive pressures on both Currys and Dixons whatever the bid outcome.

Over at the Dixons annual meeting, the talk was still of buoyant brown goods turnover in contrast with the Harris experience. Behind the rhetoric, talk of negotiated recommendations could imply olive branches between the parties. Are the merchant banks taking a leaf out of Acas's book?

Christies Int

Forecasting profits for Christies International is as difficult as predicting what price a Pre-Raphaelite picture from the early years of the movement will fetch in a sale. In the final analysis the two figures are inextricably linked since the more people are prepared to pay for their own slice of the fine art world the more Christies takes by way of commission.

Judging by yesterday's interim pretax profits of £7.7m up by more than £3.5m, art lovers are not suffering from any shortage of funds although the improvement is more to do with the market increasing than higher prices.

The results are certainly flattered by the strength of the dollar. The American operations now generate more income than the combined British and European activities. Even in dollar terms though the New York showrooms have shown substantial improvements and their progress has been a key feature of Christies recent histories.

The New York showroom was opened only seven years ago and in that time it has eaten steadily into Sotheby's share of a very lucrative market. The company estimates that it now achieves sales equivalent to 80 per cent of its main competitor's. In Britain and Europe, the capture of market share has not been so dramatic but Christies is still doing well.

The company is also getting more than its fair share of the big prestigious sales which bring much better operating margins. In the second half Christies balance sheet will enjoy the benefit of the £21m sale of the Chatsworth drawings which could add £1.5m to profits.

In the full year the company could make anything up to £16m but after that it is anyone's guess. There could be a slowdown in profits growth next year which leaves the shares, up 8p at 451p, fairly valued in the short term.

Bowthorpe Holdings

Bowthorpe Holdings, happy to describe itself as possibly the smallest multinational company in Britain, has lost none of its expertise in finding niches in other people's industries for its electrical and electronic products.

Its ability to supply low technology parts for other companies' high technology products in the right sort of industries – like defence both in Britain and overseas – helped it turn in record interim results with prospects of profits of £20m or more for the full year.

The big improvement stems from the substantial increase in sales, especially from overseas and from the United States in particular. Sales and profits are now divided almost equally between Britain and overseas. The US accounts for about one-fifth of sales.

Two-fifths of British sales are to the Ministry of Defence and include things like the mundane but essential multi-connectors which link avionics in aircraft such as the Harrier and Tornado.

Interest received has risen strongly from £335,000 to £1.8m but the figures include a one-off capital gain from funds repatriated from Jersey after the Chancellor's scrapping of roll-up funds.

There is nothing quite like Bowthorpe and the shares offer an unusual route into some interesting industries. But the price, up 18p at 368p, is already well up with events.

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STOCK MARKET REPORT

DRG and Britannia Arrow surge on bid speculation

By Derek Pain

DRG Group and **Britannia Arrow**, two widely differing companies, were the names in the stock market's takeover frame yesterday.

In hectic trading, DRG shares surged to a 160p peak at one time; Britannia Arrow, which embraces the rump of the old Slater Walker Securities, raced ahead 6p to 73p.

The DRG share action was accompanied by speculation about an American bid; Britannia Arrow's suitor, it was suggested, could well turn out to be the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, which once sought to buy Royal Bank of Scotland.

DRG takes in such brand names as Basildon Bond, Croxley Script and Sellotape.

Shares of Tottenham Hotspur, for so long among the new issue also-rans, perked up a few pence yesterday to 72p as the club at long last achieved planning permission to redevelop land adjoining its White Hart Lane Stadium. Haringey borough council has approved a multi-purpose scheme which could be encouraging for GRA Group, hoping to redevelop it Harringay Stadium.

Since it announced unexciting interim profits last month, its shares have climbed from about 120p on persistent buying. They closed yesterday at 158p.

A variety of names was been linked with the group, ranging from the ubiquitous Hansons Trust to Bunzl. But yesterday the feeling was growing that a bid would materialise from America, probably rom the St Regis group.

Another names which has mentioned is that of the financier Sir James Goldsmith who, it is argued, could be tempted, between his US deals, to dally with DRG's potential.

Brittania Arrow, with interests spreading from unit trusts to insurance and the Singer and Friedlander merchant bank, is 22.7 per cent owned by the United Kingdom Temperance and General Provident Institution, the insurance group. Almost certainly UKI has received an offer for its shareholding. The other big shareholder is London and Manchester Assurance with 8.5 per cent.

Away from takeover flurries, the market ended on a subdued note with leaders wilting as interest rate cut hopes faded behind the disappointing money supply figures.

At one stage, the FT 30 share index was nursing a 4.6 point gain. But, come the close, it was down 0.4 points at 866.2.

Gilts were particularly disconcerted by the up to 1½ per cent money supply growth, dashing hopes of a Conservative Party conference interest rate cut and suffered losses of up to £¾.

Unilever, spurred on by some persistent American buying of the Dutch arm, continued to make progress above the £10 mark, closing at £10.35.

Oils were mixed with the volatile Irish oil stocks turning in another erratic display. **Atlantic Resources**, leader of the pack, was 110p at the close.

A newcomer, **A & P Appledore**, the shipbuilding and shiprepairing consultants, traded up to 91p against a placing by Kitcat and Aitken, the broker, at 87p.

At one time composite insurances were recording strong gains. But they were trimmed when a leading broker reduced profit expectations.

De La Rue, the banknote group which has moved ahead on takeover rumours, edged forward another 5p to 720p. **Inchcape**, the international trading group, fell 10p to 386p as a large seller appeared. It appears that not all the shares on offer were absorbed.

Beers, after Monday's firm performance, failed to hold on to their best levels of the day; bank shares, expected to improve on the Barclays Bank Euroloan, were little changed with the exception of **Barclays**, 10p better at 519p.

Ibstock Johnsen gained 11p to 251p as takeover hopes were rekindled and the profits recovery helped **Senior Engineering** to a 3p gain at 19p. Nearly doubled profits lifted **Bowthorpe** 18p to 268p but a lower-than-expected profits showing by **Sears Holdings** trimmed the shares 5p to 79½p.

Cabrian and General Securities the British investment vehicle for Mr Ivan Boesky, the New York arbitrage specialist, was unchanged at 109p as it announced a near £20m rights issue. It looks as though Cambrian is preparing to strike at the Anglo-Scottish Investment Trust, where it has a 14.7 per cent shareholding.

Anglo-Scottish, once thought to be in the bid sights of **Aspinall**, the casino group, was unchanged at 155p.

Mr Boesky has also been linked with the **Savoy Hotel** group, which has been hitting new highs recently. **Trusthouse Forte** has more than 65 per cent of the Davoy's capital but only 42 per cent of the votes.

The Cambrian rights issue terms are eight new ordinary and one new capital share for every 20 ordinary shares and two new capital shares for every 11 capital shares.

Mercury Securities, the S. G. Warburg parent involved in a four-way City merger, fell 20p to 428p on fears that the new grouping will soon require a massive cash injection. **Akroyd and Smithers**, the jobbing side of the proposed group, remained depressed, falling 25p to 350p, a new year's low.

USM dealings will start on Monday in the shares of T & S Stores, which has 55 cut-price confectionery and tobacco shops, mainly in the Midlands. Barclays Merchant Bank and de Zoete and Bevan, the broker, have placed 2.3 million shares at 90p each, pricing the company at £7.2m. Profits are expected to be £750,000 in the year ending next January (against £550,000), putting the shares on 16.5 times prospective earnings.

The rush of aerospace orders lifted **Hawker Siddeley** 20p ot 455p at one time. The shares eased later to 447p. The group's interims are due next week. Although higher at one time, **British Aerospace** ended unchanged at 375p.

Birmid Qualcast, the lawnmower group which has attracted some intense takeover speculation in recent months, shaded to 92p.

Ryan Hotes, the Irish group where Mr Nazmu Virani has established a big shareholding, gained 2p to 19p as a group of shareholders declared a significant interest and opened talks with the Ryan board.

Fisons shares bounced 9p higher to 260p on the news that the US Food and Drug Administration had approved Opticrom.

Opticrom is one of three major anti-allergy products made by Fisons – Intal for asthma and Rynacrom for hayfever being the other two. It was launched successfully in Japan this year and will be available in the US from next month.

Yet more bounce has gone out of **West Bromwich Spring** which announced that it was to pass the dividend on the 11.5 per cent preference shares, due to be paid on September 30. The shares closed at 7p.

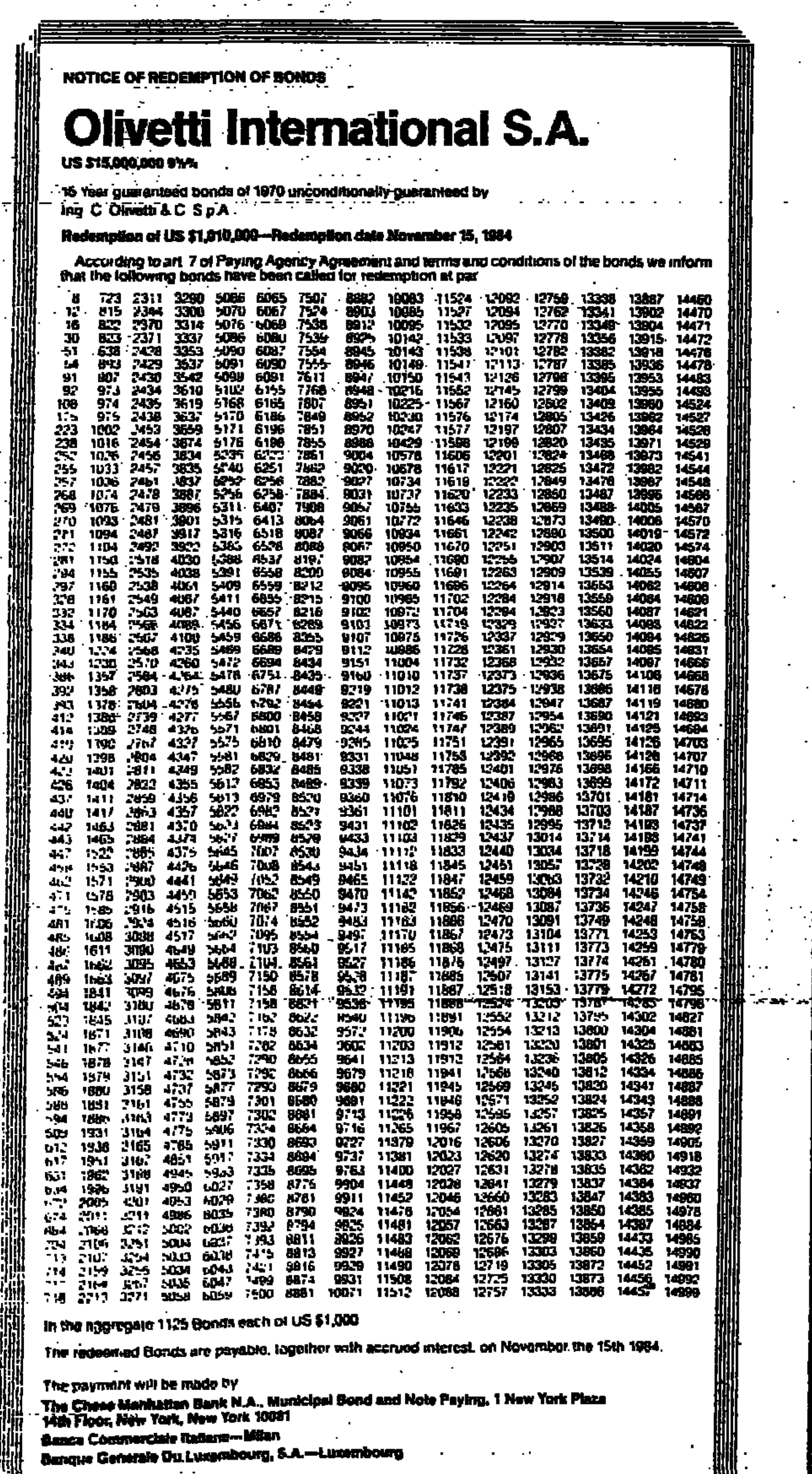
Equity turnover on Monday was valued at £245,407m with 16,471 bargains recorded. Gilt deals were 3,505. Total number of British and Irish stocks traded was 129.7m.

Base Lending Rates

ABN Bank	10½%
Adam & Company	10½%
Barclays	10½%
BCCI	10½%
Citibank Savings†	11½%
Consolidated Crds	10½%
Continental Trust	10½%
C. Hoare & Co*	10½%
Lloyds Bank	10½%
Midland Bank	10½%
Nat Westminster	10½%
TSB	10½%
Williams & Glyn's	10½%
Citibank NA	10½%

† Mortgage Base Rate.

* 7 day deposits on sums of under £10,000, 7¾%. £10,000 up to £50,000, 8%. £50,000 and over, 8¾%.



COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

The chairman of United Packaging, Mr Ernest Ascher, told shareholders at the annual meeting that sales for the first five months had been up more than 23 per cent in Britain. The sales were also maintained in Zimbabwe.

He said the group was continuing to develop special machinery for the stretch wrap market, thus ensuring the growth of film sales. Profitability of recent acquisition S & T conversions of Bridgwater, Somerset, was well up to expectations.

● **JAMES FERGUSON HLDGS:** No dividend (nil) for the year to March 31. Figures in £000. Turnover 607 (1383). Pretax loss 180 (345). No tax (nil). Extraordinary gain 362 (loss 406). Profit for the year 182 (loss 751). Loss per ordinary share 4.69p (9.2p).

● **STEEL BURRILL JONES GROUP:** Six months to June 30. Interim 1.5p (Figures in £000) Brokerage 2,089 (1,473). Interest received 355 (265). Expenses 1,560 1,268). Pretax profit 884 (470). Tax 427 (270). Minorities 20 (9). Earnings per share 5p (2.2p). Shares 195 down 3

● **CAKEBREAD ROBEY & CO:** The directors' say in their interim statement that the second half year has started well but the sales outlook for the last quarter is not encouraging.

The statement says that acqusitions will chase higher interest charges in the last quarter of the present year.

RECENT ISSUES	Closing Price
Addison Comm 2p Ord (116a)	144–6
Alphameric 5p Ord (95a)	116
Applied Holographics 5p Ord (180a)	160
Berkeley Group 25p Ord (85a)	126
Blue Arrow 25p Ord (75a)	96
Britannia Security 10p Ord (62.5a)	80
Brit Bloodstock Ag 25p Ord (165a)	305–3
Bush Radio 10p Ord (88a)	74
Checkpoint Europe 25p Ord (a)	250
Clogau Gold 10p Ord (30a)	27
Comp Fin Serv 5p Ord (85a)	85
Compsoft Hldgs 5p Ord (*a)	132
DDT Group 5p Ord (135a)	196
Entertainment Prod 5p Ord (58a)	52
Extract Wool 50p Ord (105a)	145
Fergebrook Grp 20p Ord (74a)	104
Gaunt R 25p Ord (50a)	53
Hoggett Bowers 5p Ord (47a)	46
Ind Scot Energy £1 Ord (a)	145
Jaguar 25p Ord (165)	194–1
Mayfair & City Prop 25p Ord (100a)	115+6
Pacific Sales Org 10p Ord (60a)	43
Paul Michael L'wear 5p Ord (30a)	31
President Entertain 10p Ord (10½a)	15¾
Telecomputing 10p Ord (a)	283
Tinsley (Eliza) Grp 5p Ord (55a)	60
Trade Promotion 10p Ord (75a)	78

Issue price in parentheses a Unlisted Securities. * by tender

FOREIGN EXCHANGES

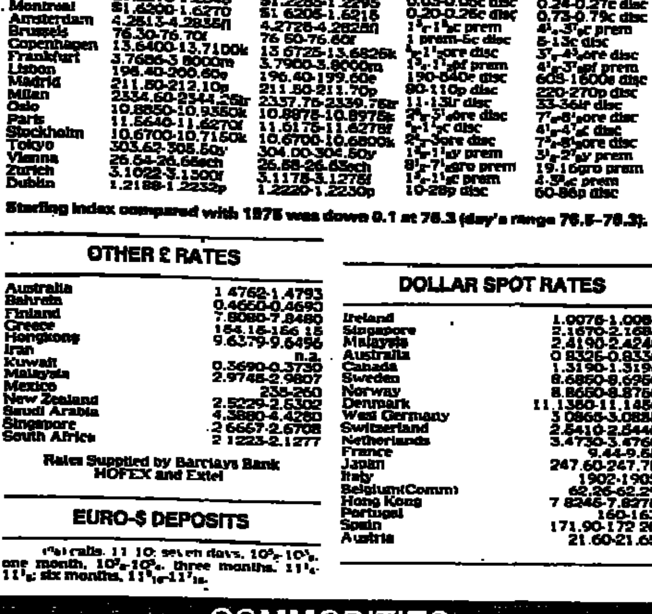
The continued strength of the dollar dominated the scene on foreign exchanges. The dollar made strong gains almost everywhere, and a late spurt put it above the 3.0850 level against the Deutschmark.

Sterling largely followed the dollar's lead, unable to gain ground against the US currency. This was despite the bigger than expected rise in the sterling M3 figure, which was within a band of 1¼ per cent to 1½ per cent up to mid-September. This made an early fall during the Conservative Party conference week, dealers said.

Notwithstanding this, the pound was firm against the Continental currencies.

Sterling closed at 1.2290 against the dollor, a fall of 70 points on the previous close of 1.2360.

The dollar was firm against many other leading currencies, including the Swiss franc at 2.5380 (2.5150), and the French franc at 9.4350 (9.3600).



STERLING SPOT and FORWARD RATES

OTHER £ RATES

DOLLAR SPOT RATES

Rates Supplied by Barclays Bank HOFEX and Extel

EURO-$ DEPOSITS

MONEY MARKETS

The market refused to be depressed by the money supply figures that hrough forth a greater growth in the September £M3 figure than had been expected.

Clearing Banks Base Rate 10½

Discount Mkt Loans%
Overnight: High 10⅝ Low 10

Week Fixed: 10⅜–10½

Treasury Bills (Dis%)

Buying	Selling
2 months 10⁷⁄₃₂	2 months 10⁵⁄₃₂
3 months 9⅞	3 months 9⁵⁄₈

Prime Bank Bills (Dis%) Trades (Dis%)

1 month 10⁵⁄₁₆–10¹¹⁄₃₂	1 month 11
2 months 10⁷⁄₃₂–10⁵⁄₃₂	2 months 10²⁷⁄₃₂
3 months 10⅛–10	3 months 10¹¹⁄₁₆
6 months 9⅞–9²⁵⁄₃₂	6 months 10⁵⁄₁₆

Local Authority Bonds

COMMODITIES

LONDON COMMODITY PRICES
Rubber, coffee, cocoa, in £ per tonne; Sugar and gas oil in $ per metric tonne.

RUBBER	
Nov	610–00
Dec	625–10
Jan	640–20
Feb	650–20
Mar	655–20
Apr	665–25
May	670–30
Jun	678–35
July	685–45
Jan Mar	650–15
Apr June	680–35
Jul Sep	705–70

SUGAR — COCOA — COFFEE — GAS OIL

LONDON METAL EXCHANGE — COPPER HIGH GRADE — STANDARD CATHODES — TIN STANDARD — TIN HIGH-GRADE — LEAD — ZINC STANDARD — ZINC HIGH GRADE — SILVER LARGE — SILVER SMALL — ALUMINIUM — NICKEL

LONDON GOLD FUTURES MARKET

LONDON INTERNATIONAL FINANCIAL FUTURES

London Grain Futures Market

APPOINTMENTS

Debenhams names three for board

Bowring UK: Mr G. A. Cooke, chairman and chief executive, has become chairman following Mr Peter Bowring's retirement.

Sketchley: Mr Graham Taylor has relinquished his executive duties but remains a director.

Baker Perkins Holdings/Rose Forgrove: Mr Tony Brown, chairman of Rose Forgrove and director of the parent company Baker Perkins, has been elected deputy president of the Process Plant Association. The president, Mr John Crawford, chief executive of Motherwell Bridge Holdings, has been re-elected for 1984/5. Mr Brown is also non-executive deputy chairman of John Waddington.

Chemical Bank UK: Mr James Frost, senior vice-president, is made United Kingdom country manager.

ML Holdings: Mr David John Sebire, has joined the board.

British Linen Bank: Mr Alan Murray, assistant director, banking, has been appointed senior assistant director with responsibility for banking and business developing and business development in Scotland. Mr David Graveson has joined the bank as an assistant director, business development.

Jefferson Smurfit Group: Mr David F. T. Austin has joined the board as the group's executive vice-president marketing and human resources. Mr Brendan Carolan has resigned.

Courtaulds: Mr S. Huismans has been made an executive director. He is managing director of Courtaulds Fibres.

English & Scottish Investors: Mr R. J. Feildson has joined the board.

Dillon, Read: Miss Jennifer A. Page has become vice-president.

James Neill Holdings: Mr Eric Bolam, Mr Terry Harris and Mr Christopher Harrison have joined the board Mr Bolam is manufacturing director of Neill Tools. Mr Harris is sales and marketing director. Mr Christopher Harrison, who is financial director, of Neill Tools, will succeed Mr Donald Jackson as group financial director of James Neill Holdings.

ECONOMIC COMMENTARY

At odds over the key to Keynes

By Tim Congdon

There are intriguing parallels between the economic situation in 1933 and today. And the same issues still trouble Keynesians

Monetarism and deflation have been synonymous since the term "monetarism" was invented in the 1960s. The two acceptable words "monetary control" have been taken as a smokescreen for the unacceptable words "more unemployment".

The associations are not surprising. In the last 15 years governments have used monetary policy almost exclusively as a means of curbing inflation, and there has rarely been any suggestion that it could have other ends.

If monetarism and deflation have been regarded as twins, so also have fiscalism and reflation. In public debate, supporters of active fiscal policies have invariably been supporters of fiscal policies to stimulate demand and promote employment.

There is, however, nothing necessary and inevitable about these connexions. It is quite possible to prefer monetary to fiscal instruments in economic management and yet to believe that the overall direction of policy should be stimulatory. An economist who favours fiscal weaponry, in some circumstances, could also want the budget deficit reduced to check inflationary pressures.

Fiscalism and reflation are also commonly linked to Keynes and Keynesianism. This is also questionable. For most of his career Keynes' policy priority was more expansionary monetary policy through a reduction in interest rates, not public works and an increased budget deficit. He put monetary policy first and fiscal policy second.

Perhaps the best example of this attitude are four articles he wrote for *The Times* on "The Means to Prosperity" in March, 1933. There are intriguing parallels with the economic situation today. A recovery had been under way for several quarters, but it had done little to alleviate unemployment.

In his view, "the first necessity is that bank credit should be cheap and abundant" since this would encourage companies to rebuild working capital. His second recommendation was that the long-term rate of interest should, by deliberate open market operations, be made "low for all reasonably sound borrowers". Low interest rates would help private investment.

Public sector investment should be increased only at the third stage. His justification was the politically unadventurous point that public authorities were already responsible for a high proportion of the nation's capital spending.

In 1933 bank credit and interest rates were clearly the key elements in Keynes' policy prescription. Public sector investment was tagged on in a humble role at the end. However, it must be recognized that in Keynes' later writings there is much more ambiguity and dither about the relative importance of monetary and fiscal instruments.

In particular, doubts about the potency of monetary policy led him in *The General Theory* to propose a "somewhat comprehensive socialization investment". The idea was that the larger the public sector, the greater the impact of variations in its investment on macroeconomic conditions.

It was a bad idea, but it was enormously influential and very astutely timed. In the decade after the publication of *The General Theory* nationalization became the centrepiece of the Labour Party's programme to create a socialist Britain. After 1943, the Attlee Government translated Keynes' thinking into practice.

When the political fashion for a "socialization of investment" was dominant, Keynes' original emphasis on monetary policy was neglected, then forgotten.

The Bank of England's changing perspective.

June 1984 statement:

"There is no need on monetary policy grounds for any general increase in the level of domestic interest rates"

September Quarterly Bulletin:

"In the months ahead market sentiment is likely to be more sensitive to industrial developments, and financial developments in the United States, than to domestic monetary factors."

By the 1930s and 1960s Keynesian textbook writers referred confidently to the *interest-inelasticity* of investment (the supposed unresponsiveness of investment to interest rate changes) as a way of dismissing monetary policy.

As monetarism was about to gain hold in the late 1960s, the Keynesians had performed a complete intellectual somersault from Keynes' own position in 1933. They rejected lower interest rates as a technique of reflation. Instead they thought that fiscal policy was the only efficient method of regulating demand.

Their set of policy recommendations and preferences had a large, if not altogether explicit, ideological element. Active fiscal policy was approved in theory because it was good for the management of the economy. In practice it also came to mean more public expenditure and increased public sector employment – including the employment of benign, disinterested and Keynesian economic advisers.

Active monetary policy was disliked because interest rates were deemed ineffective as an influence on aggregate demand. It was perhaps not entirely incidental that lower interest rates would have been of no benefit to bureaucrats and academic economists (then and now predominantly Keynesian in affiliation), but of great potential value to businessmen and entrepreneurs.

The Keynesians were successful in public debate until the early 1970s. They were lucky in one important and quite undeserved respect. Until 1972 Britain was on a fixed exchange rate and the risk of devaluation gave the Keynesians a pretext for opposing low interest rates "on external grounds".

This also was a total inversion of Keynes' own beliefs. A continuous theme throughout his career was that Britain must relate interest rate policy to domestic economic conditions and not allow it to be swayed by the frequently eccentric behaviour of foreign banks.

Keynes stated this point with strong emphasis in a speech to the House of Lords in 1943. To quote, the Government must "abjure the instruments of bank rate and credit contraction operating through the increase of unemployment as a means of forcing our domestic economy into line with *external* factors".

The relative power of monetary and fiscal weapons, and the weight to be attached to external factors, remains fundamental to understanding policy discussions today. They are vital considerations in any debate on what should be done about high and rising unemployment.

Interestingly, there are hints of a divergence of opinion between the Treasury and the Bank of England. The differences seem to stem from conflicting views about the economy's responsiveness to interest rate changes, precisely the issue which so troubled Keynes and the Keynesians.

The Treasury's attitude is that interest rates are too high on domestic grounds and ought to be reduced. The latest version of its econometric model suggests that some components of aggregate demand, notably housing and consumer expenditure, are interest-rate-sensitive. Lower interest rates would therefore be beneficial for the economy and unemployment.

The Treasury has, in effect, adopted Keynes' position in 1933, but without his advocacy of higher public sector investment. By contrast, the Bank of England in its latest *Economic Bulletin* seems to incline towards the views of the post-war Keynesians.

The last two paragraphs of the Bulletin's "General Assessment" are the important ones. The future role of consumption in sustaining the recovery is pooh-poohed. The Bank claims that "it is unlikely, with the saving ratio now close to 10 per cent, that private consumption will lead the rise in activity".

This assertion appears without any reference to interest rates and, as such, implicitly challenges the Treasury position. The last sentence in the final paragraph is even more subversive: "In the months ahead, market sentiment is likely to be more sensitive to industrial developments, and financial developments in the United States, than to domestic monetary factors".

The sentence needs a little translation. "Market sentiment" really stands for "interest rates" and "industrial developments" for "the miners' strike". The message is that interest rates should be governed by external factors ("financial developments in the United States") and the degree of trade union belligerence.

This is unreconstructed 1960s-style Keynesianism. It is clearly at odds with several statements from both the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer which indicate *that* interest rates should be lower because domestic monetary trends are satisfactory.

Of course, it is refreshing, healthy and desirable that policy debates are conducted within the government machine, although on this occasion they could pehaps have been more discreet.

It will be a nice irony if, in the months ahead, the monetarists in the Treasury press for lower interest rates because they are worried about unemployment whereas the Kenynesians in the Bank of England urge that interest rates stay high because they are worried about the exchange rate.

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COMPANY NEWS IN BRIEF

Brightness at Emess

Emess Lighting has started its second half encouragingly with lighting companies continuing to show substantial growth.

The cash flow and retrun on the capital employed remain good.

The company says that unforseen circumstances, the full year profits are expected to be significantly ahead of last year. The company has announced an interim ividend of 2p (1.8p) for half year to June 30. The dividend is payable on November 29.

Figures in £000. Turnover 3,818 (2,417). Pretax profit 335 (210). Tax 49 (46), leaving 286 (164). Earnings per share 6.5p adjusted.

Net tangible assets per share 73p (39p). Shares 158 up 3p.

● **ASHTON MINING:** Half-year to July 31. Turnover 84.1 per cent up to $A10.176m (about £6.8m). Net operating profit 119 per cent up at $A5.874m. No dividend.

● **GALLIFORD:** Year to June 30. Total dividend 4p (3p). Figures in £000. Turnover 72,775 (68,680). Pretax profit 2,180 (2,883). Discussions which might have led to an offer for Galliford's capital have been discontinued.

● **TRANSPORT DEVELOPMENT GROUP** has bought 75 per cent of Swift Trucks of Glasgow, with an option to acquire the rest. The price was 1.36 million ordinary shares in T D G and £772,000 cash.

WALL STREET

	Oct 8	Oct 5		Oct 8	Oct 5		Oct 8	Oct 5
AMF Inc	16¼	16¼	Fed Dept Stores	50¼	51	Phillips Petrol	40⅛	40½
AMR	27⅞	27½	Firestone	18⅛	18⅛	Polaroid	28⅛	28⅛
Allied Chem	35½	36¼	Fst Chicago	20⅛	20¼	PPG Ind	32⅛	31⅛
Allied Stores	50⅞	51⅛	Fst Intst Bncp	36½	37⅜	Procter Gamble	53⅛	53⅛
Allis Chalmers	9¼	9⅛	Fst Penn Corp	6	6⅛	Pub Ser El & Gas	24¼	24¼
Alcoa	33⅞	32⅞	Ford	44¼	44⅛	Raytheon	40¼	40½
Amax Inc	18⅛	18⅝	GAF Corp	21½	21⅛	RCA Corp	35⅛	35¼
Amerada Hess	27¼	28	GTE Corp	41⅛	40⅞	Reynolds Ind	65¼	65¼
Am Brands	61⅞	62	Gen Corp	35⅛	35⅛	Reynolds Metal	28⅛	28⅛
Am Broadcast	65	66⅛	Gen Dynamics	61½	62	Rockwell Int	28⅛	28⅛
Am Can	47¼	48⅜	Gen Electric	53⅞	53⅞	Royal Dutch	51⅛	51⅛
Am Cyanamid	47¼	47⅜	Gen Foods	56⅛	57⅛	Safeways	23	24⅛
Am Elec Power	19¼	19¼	Gen Mills	54⅛	54⅛	St Regis Paper	51⅛	51¼
Am Home	48⅞	48½	Gen Motors	76⅞	77	SFE Sopac	25¼	26
Am Motors	4⅞	4¼	Gen Pub Util NY	10¼	10¼	SCM	30¼	30⅛
Am Nat Res	38	37⅞	Genesco	6⅛	6⅛	Schlumberger	45½	45⅛
Am Standard	30⅞	30½	Georgia Pacific	20⅞	20⅛	Scott Paper	29⅛	29½
Am Telephone	18⅞	18½	Gillette	48⅝	49¼	Seagram	37¼	37⅛
Armco Steel	10¼	10⅝	Goodrich	26½	27	Sears Roebuck	31⅛	31⅛
Asarco	22⅛	22⅞	Goodyear	24⅛	24⅛	Shell Oil	55⅛	55⅛
Ashland Oil	29	29	Gould Inc	25⅛	25⅛	Shell Trans	13⅛	13⅛
Atlantic Richfield	51½	51⅞	Grace	42½	42¼	Signal Co	30	30
Avco	35¼	35	Gt Atlc & Pacific	16¼	16⅛	Singer	31½	31⅛
Avon Products	23⅛	23½	Greyhound	17⅛	17⅛	Smithkline Beck	55⅛	56⅛
Bankers Tst NY	47⅞	48	Grumman Corp	25⅛	26⅛	Sony	15⅛	15½
Bank of America	17⅞	17⅜	Gulf & West	28⅛	28⅛	Sth Cal Edison	21½	21½
Bank of Boston	34¼	34⅜	Heinz H. J	41¼	41⅛	Sperry Corp	35⅛	35⅛
Bank of NY	30⅞	30⅞	Hercules	31¼	31¼	Std Oil Indiana	59¼	59⅛
Beatrice Foods	27½	27	Honeywell	54¼	54⅛	Std Oil Ohio	46⅛	46⅛
Bethlehem Steel	17⅛	17⅛	IC Inds	23⅛	23½	Sterling Drug	26¼	26⅛
Boeing	52	53¼	Ingersoll	39¼	40¼	Stevens J. P	17	16⅛
Boise Cascade	37⅛	37	Inland Steel	22⅛	22¼	Sun Comp	49⅛	49⅛
Borden	60	60⅜	IBM	120¼	121½	Teledyne	285¼	283½
Borg Warner	30⅞	30	Int Harvester	6¼	6⅜	Tenneco	36¼	36¼
Bristol Myers	44	44⅝	INCO	10½	11⅛	Texaco	35⅛	35⅛
BP	25⅛	25⅛	Int Paper	48⅛	48⅞	Texas East Corp	30½	30⅛
Burlington Ind	26⅛	24⅞	Int Tel Tel	27⅛	27⅛	Texas Inst	126⅛	129¼
Burlington Nthn	46¼	46	Irving Bank	29¼	29¼	Texas Utilities	25¼	25¼
Burroughs	51⅞	51⅞	Jewel Co	71½	71⅛	Textron	33⅛	33⅛
Campbell Soup	68⅛	68⅛	Jim Walter	27¼	27⅛	TWA	28⅛	28⅛
Canadian Pacific	34⅛	34⅛	Johnson & John	30½	30½	Travelers Corp	34¼	34¼
Caterpillar	31⅛	31⅛	Kaiser Alumin	13⅛	13⅛	TRW Inc	69	69
Celanese	60¼	60⅝	Kerr McGee	31½	31⅛	UAL Inc	38⅛	37½
Central Soya	14¼	15	Kimberly Clark	45⅛	45⅞	Union Carbide	49¼	49⅛
Chase Manhat	39⅞	40¼	K Mart	33⅛	34	Unocal	40	38⅞
Chem Bank NY	38	38	Kroger	37	36⅞	Un Pacific Corp	39⅛	40
Chevron	35¼	35⅝	L.T.V Corp	11⅛	11½	Uniroyal	14⅛	14⅛
Chrysler	29¼	29⅝	Litton	65⅞	66¼	United Brands	13⅛	13⅛
Citicorp	33⅞	34	Lockheed	43⅞	44⅛	US Steel	23½	23⅛
Clark Equip	26¼	26	Lucky Stores	18⅛	18⅜	Utd Technol	35⅛	36¼
Coca Cola	61½	62	Manuf Hanover	28¼	28⅞	Wachovia	25⅛	26
Colgate	23½	23½	Manville Cp	6⅛	6⅛	Warner Comm	19⅛	19⅛
CBS	77½	78⅛	Mapco	26	25⅛	Warner Lambert	30¼	31⅛
Columbia Gas	31⅛	31½	Marine Midland	25½	25⅛	Wells Fargo	41½	42⅛
Combustion Eng	28⅛	28⅛	Martin Marietta	36⅛	37½	Westinghse Elec	25⅛	25⅛
Comwlth Edison	26⅛	26⅛	McDonnell	49¼	48⅞	Weyerhauser	25⅛	26¼
Cons Edison	29	28⅞	Mead	34⅛	34⅛	Whirlpool	40	40
Cons Foods	30¼	30⅞	Merck	80½	82	Woolworth	34⅛	34¼
Cons Power	4½	4½	Minnesota Mng	76⅞	76⅞	Xerox Corp	38⅛	37½
Continental Corp	57½	57⅞	Mobil Oil	28⅛	28⅞	Zenith	25¼	25⅛
Control Data	30⅞	29½	Monsanto	45½	45⅛			
Corning Glass	64¼	64⅛	Morgan J. P	69⅞	69⅞	**Canadian Prices**		
CPC Intl	38⅛	38⅞	Motorola	35¼	35⅛	Abitibi	32	32
Crane	34⅛	34⅛	NCR Corp	23⅛	23⅛	Alcan Alumin	34¼	34⅛
Crocker Inc	23⅛	22⅛	NL Industries	13⅛	13⅛	Algoma Steel	21½	21½
Crown Zeller	29⅞	30	Nabisco	48⅞	48⅞	Bell Telephone	32⅛	32⅛
Dart & Kraft	78⅞	78⅛	Nat Distillers	26	26	Can Pacific	45⅛	45½
Deere	29⅛	29	Nat Med Ent	19¼	19¼	Cominco	15⅛	15½
Delta Air	33½	33½	Norfolk South	55⅛	55⅛	Cons Bathurst	14¼	14⅛
Detroit Edison	14½	14⅝	NW Bancorp	27¼	27½	Gulf Oil	19¼	19⅛
Digital Equip	91	89⅞	Occidental Pet	30¼	30¼	Hawker/Sid Can	19¼	19½
Disney	55⅞	54½	Ogden	35	34⅞	Hudson Bay Mng	19⅛	[illegible]
Dow Chemical	27½	27½	Olin Corp	30⅛	31⅛	Imasco	40⅛	40¼
Dresser Ind	20¾	21¼	Owens-Illinois	41⅛	41⅛	Imperial Oil	43¼	43⅛
Duke Power	27⅞	27½	Pacific Gas Elec	14⅛	14⅛	Int Pipe	31½	31⅛
Du Pont	47⅞	47½	Pan Am	4¼	4¼	Mass-Ferguson	1.75	1.75
Eastern Air	4¼	4⅜	Penney J. C	51¼	51⅛	Royal Trustco	29½	29¼
Eastman Kodak	71½	70⅞	Pennzoil	38¼	38⅛	Seagram	49¼	49½
Eaton Corp	48½	48¼	Pepsico	43⅞	42⅞	Steel Co	23⅛	23⅛
Emerson Elect	66⅛	66⅛	Pfizer	34⅛	35	Thomson N 'A'	45¼	45⅛
Evans Prod	4⅞	4½	Phelps Dodge	15⅛	15¼	Walker Hiram	25	25
Exxon Corp	43¼	44	Philip Morris	75⅛	75¼	WCT	13½	13½

● Ex div. a Asked. c Ex distribution. h Bid. k Market closed. n New issue. p Stock split. t Traded. y Unquoted.

TENNIS

American who was born again

Pat Cash of Australia, the third seed, was knocked out of the first round of the Australian indoor championships in Sydney yesterday, beaten 7-6, 4-6, 6-4 by Ben Testerman, of the United States ranked 50th in the world.

Testerman, a born-again christian, ended expectations of a rematch between Cash and the top seed Ivan Lendl, who clashed in the US Open earlier this year when the Czechoslovak won a tough five-set semi-final. Testerman, ranked 193rd a year ago, attributed his success to a new outlook on life.

"There are two reasons my play has improved so much this year. The first is that I have really dedicated myself to the game. I've really started working on the finer points." The second, he said, was becoming a Christian a year ago. God has filled a void in his life wheih tennis could not. "I now use the talents God had given me to the best of my ability. I have more peace, a self-contol in my game."

Testerman defeated Cash earlier this year in a grand prix tournament at Cincinatti shortly before the US Open. He also took John McEnroe to five sets in last year's French Open. He lost in straight sets to the American in the same tournament this year.

Cash was bitterly disappointed and said he was looking forward to a 10-day break from the circuit after another indoor tournament in Melbourne starting on Sunday. "First rounds are always pretty tough", he said. "I just didn't find my rhythm. I'm very disappointed but I guess I've just got to forget about it.

"I'm getting to the stage where I dont care of I'm No 1 or No 100 on the computer. I need to wind down for a while, otherwise I'd end up in a basket case."

Testerman rocked Cash when he took the first set after winning the tie-break 7–2. Cash was more confident in the second set, moving quickly around the court, although Testerman maintained a high percentage of first serves. Cash took the set 6–4 and started brightly on the third to lead 4–2; but Testerman broke back in the eighth game to level 4–4 and then reeled off the next two games to take the match.

● NEW YORK (Reuter) – The US Tennis Association are satisfied with a proposal by the Swedish Tennis Federation to hold the Davis Cup Final in Sweden from December 28 to 30. They say it would conflict with Christmas and New Year holidays.

Ed Fabricus, a spokesman for USTA, said they had suggested that the final be moved to December 14 to 16 but there had been no response from Sweden. As hosts Sweden can unilaterally set the date for the final.

After the US beat Australia last month to reach the final, their captain, Arthur Ashe, indicated that they would refuse to play the Swedes during the Christmas holidays. John McEnroe and Jimmy Connors also said that they did not want to play during that period.

Fabricus said Connors and McEnroe were again expected to play singles for the US. "Jimmy said he would do his utmost to play even though his wife is expecting their second child between December 3 and December 17," Fabricus said.

● Pam Shriver, of the United States, ranked fourth in the world, will be the No 1 seed in next week's Stuttgart grand prix tournament, the organizers said. Though last year's winner, Martina Navratilova, is missing, the entry is the strongest the event has ever attracted.

FOOTBALL: INJURY WORRIES FOR THE FIRST DIVISION TEAMS IN TONIGHT'S MILK CUP ENCOUNTERS

Regis holds fire on Coventry move and takes a back seat

Cyrille Regis, the West Bromwich Albion forward at the centre of transfer talks with Coventry City, will not play for Albion against Wigan in the Milk Cup second round, second leg tie at The Hawthorns tonight.

Regis is having treatment for a slight groin strain, but Johnny Giles, the manager, has already ruled him out because of his transfer situation.

Robertson, who has a thigh strain, faces a late fitness test, while Morley waits to see if he is recalled after being dropped at Liverpool on Saturday.

Morley's former club, Aston Villa, may make one enforced change for their return tie with Scunthorpe United, of the fourth division, at Villa Park.

Graham Turner, the manager, had an injury-free squad after a 3-0 win over Manchester United, but Evans, his captain, ricked his neck in training.

The Scottish defender now looks like missing his first game of the season. Foster, unhappy at being left out of the side on Saturday, will return if Evans fails a late fitness test.

Didier Six, Villa's French international, plays his second game as Villa lead 3-2 from the first leg, and Turner may also give a full game to Mark Walters, the England Under-21 forward.

Brian Clough has delayed naming his Nottinghan Forest team for their tie against Portsmouth at the City ground.

With Forest trailing 1-0 from the first leg, Clough is considering whether to make changes. He could recall Gary Mills, who missed the weekend draw against Stoke because of food poisoning.


Regis: groin strain

Shaun Elliott the Sunderland captain, who was carried off at Sheffield Wednesday on Saturday, is ruled out of the tie at Crystal Palace.

Elliott has a knee ligament injury and along with Proctor stays behind for treatment. But Gayle who missed the 2-2 draw at Hillsborough, trained yesterday and, if there he has no reaction to a knee injury, will return to the attack.

Leeds United have no injury worries for their tie against Gillingham at Elland Road. Ricthie and Wright team up again as forwards, with McCluskey as substitute.

Leeds are 2-1 up from the fitst leg but Eddie Gray, the manager, said that they would not be taking anything for granted against their third division rivals.

Sheffield United are hoping to get Stancliffe, their captain, fit the the match at Everton. Stancliffe is doubtful with a groin injury.

● John Hawley, Bradford City's leading scorer failed a fitness test on a shin injury.

● Terry Gennoe, the Blackburn Rovers goalkeeper, who broke his nose in a 3-1 win agains Shrewsbury on Saturday, may be fit to play against Oxford United at Manor Road. The first leg was a 1-1 draw.

Norwich are banking on experience to see off the challenge of third division Preston at Carrow Road. Former internationals Asa Hartford and Mike Channion look ready to play, with Hartford making his Norwich debut.

The 33-year-old midfield player has been training with the club and can play tomorrow on a non-contract basis. Norwich would then sign him in time for him to make his league debut at Sunderland.

Channon, who has beenout for five weeks with achilles tendon trouble, looks likely to replace Mark Farrington in attack. Goalkeeper Chris Woods has recovered from knee injury and takes over from Joe Corrigan, who is on loan.

McGhee: making his mark at last in West Germany

McGhee grows into Hamburg's No 1

Hamburg (Reuter) – The giants of the past loom large at SV Hamburg, taditionally one of Europe's greatest clubs, but Mark McGhee shows no sign of being dwarfed by it all. The former Aberdeen player, who scored a goal against Southampton in the UEFA Cup last week, has the unenviable task of filling a No 9 shirt broadened by the stature of its previous wearers, Horst Hrubesch and Uwe Seeler.

If Hamburg supporters demand much of their centre forwards, they expect even more of a new arrival from Britain who must inevitably bear comparison with the man they named "Mighty Mouse", Kevin Keegan, of England.

Hamburg's sluggish start to the season and McGhee's failure to score in his first six games put him under pressure that has broken players in the past; but the modest McGhee refused to go under and, with a goal in each of his last three games, he is convincing supporters and media that he is capable of living up to the demands made upon him.

McGhee had hardly arrived here when one newspaper was complaining that he was "not a personality like Keegan." The Scot's recipe for dealing with such pressure is to shrug it off as if it does not exist. "To be honest, I don't feel any pressure", he said. "If anyone wants to compare me with Kevin Keegan, then I'm delighted. He was a great player."

The media had mercilessly attacked Dieter Schatzschneider, a big-money signing last year as an immediate replacement for the Belgium-bound Hrubesch, even though he finished as the club's top scorer last season with 15 goals. The disenchanted forward left for Schalke 04, leaving the centre-forward position vacant for McGhee.

The situation looked about to repeat itself as media pressure built up with McGhee failing to score. "It doesn't worry me if I don't score – it never has." McGhee said. "I once went 21 or 22 games without scoring for Aberdeen and I was never left out of the team for playing badly.

"It seems that teams somehow demand more of a centre forward in West Germany. They expect him to be the man to score most of the goals. But the trainer [Ernst Happel] and manager [Gunter Netzer] have given me no pressure and they are the ones I feel I have to answer to. I know I can play – I'll give 100 per cent and, hopefully, I'll score a few goals too."

Although Keegan was twice European Footballer of the Year during his three seasons with Hamburg, he struggled to gain acceptance in his first season. McGhee plans to avoid Keegan's early problems. "I don't intend to take a year to settle in", he said. "At 27 I can't afford a year messing around."

McGhee, who is taking German lessons, says he has been made to feel welcome by his teammates, many of whom speak English. He, his wife Jacqueline and his two-year-old son Mark have settled in well.

"I had a lot of offers at the end of last season", he said. "Celtic and Tottenham were interested, and there were feelers from Italy, but when Hamburg came in I had no hesitation. This is a great club and I feel I can achieve something here."

McGhee became a player by accident. Spotted by a Bristol City scout as a schoolboy, he joined the English club on apprentice terms purely to escape the concrete jungle of new town life near his native Glasgow. He returned to Scotland after two years to play for Morton. Then Newcastle United, who were bottom of the English first division, signed him in 1977.

He failed to win a regular place with the struggling club and returned to Scotland for five successful years with Aberdeen in which he picked up a European Cup Winners' Cup medal, two League championship medals and three Scottish Cup medals as well as being once voted Scottish Player of the Year.

Briegel recalled but Stielike is dropped

Franz Beckenbauer, manager of West Germany, is recalling Hans-Peter Briegel for next week's opening World Cup qualifying match against Sweden and dropping the defender Uli Stielike. Beckenbauer, who had hinted earlier at Briegel's return, said he was sure of the correctness of his decision after watching the defender play for Verona in Sunday's Italian League match against Inter Milan.

Beckenbauer added he had also been impressed by Karl-Heinz Rummenigge's performance for Inter, even though the match was scoreless. Rummenigge had often looked stale playing for West Germany and Bayern Munich this year and Beckenbauer said the summer's move to Inter had done him good.

The Soviet Union will be without their long-serving forward Blokhin and their former captain Chivadze when they resume their World Cup qualifing campaign in Oslo today after a dismal start against the Republic of Ireland.

Blokhin, capped 91 times, and Chivadze are reported to be missing their European group six matches against Norway because of injury. But neither played well in the 1-0 defeat by Ireland in Dublin a month ago and the team manager, Eduard Malofeyev, criticized Blokhin for being too casual up front.

Norway have also started badly, losing 1-0 at home to Switzerland and going down by the same margin in Denmark. The low state of the team's morale was highlighted by the fact that their midfield player, Soler, had to be summoned back from his West German club, Hamburg, to appear tonight.

The Netherlands manager, Kees Rijvers, has gone for youth in selecting his team to play Hungary in their opening World Cup game next week. Rijvers has discarded or relegated to substitute eight players who appeared in the country's closing European Championship games late last year, when the Dutch narrowly failed on goal difference to qualify for the finals. His team includes a new attacking combination.

Ajax's 19-year-old forward, Van Basten, leads the attack instead of Feyenoord's Houtman, who is a substitute. Van Basten is joined by Kieft, aged 21, of the Italian side Pisa, and Rene van der Gijp of Belgian team Lokeren, both making their first national appearance for two years. Hans van Breukelen, now of PSV Eindhoven, takes the place in goal of Shrijvers.

Niger pull out

Niger have withdrawn from the 1986 World Cup qualifying competition, the International Football Federation (FIFA) said yesterday. The west African state was due to play Libya in an African first-round group-two match on October 21. Last month FIFA expelled Lesotho from the World Cup for refusing to play Madagascar.

United's handsome financial reward

By Stuart Jones, Football Correspondent

Manchester United are now officially the richest club in the land. At their annual general meeting on November 1 they will announce a British record profit of £1,731,000 for the year ending on May 31. The figure includes a surplus of almost £750,000 on transfers and compensations for the injuries that led to Coppell's premature retirement.

The sum does not include the fees paid for their three new signings – Olsen, Strachan, and Brazil – but they are almost balanced by the £1.4m transfer of Wilkins to AC Milan. It does include hefty salaries. One employee received more than £105,000 and another over £85,000. The reason for United's wealth lies in the clicking of the turnstiles at Old Trafford. When the rule governing the distribution of gate money was altered in favour of home clubs at the beginning of last season, it was inevitable that they above all, would benefit and they have done so spectacularly.

In two years they have recovered from a deficit of £2.2m. Martin Edwards, United's chairman, attributes the substantial turnaround to last season's average home attendance of 42,532 as well as their run in the European Cup Winners Cup, which was ended by Juventus in the semi-final.

United are already in the second round of the UEFA Cup where they are drawn against attractive Dutch opponents in PSV Eindhoven, and their crowds have grown even bigger. The average so far is a remarkable 53,400. Only one other fixture, between Arsenal and Liverpool, has attracterd more than 50,000 spectators this season.

The next three gates at Old Trafford are likely to surpass that mark as well, since the visitors are West Ham United, Tottenham Hotspur and Arsenal, all currently above them in the first division table. United, with by far the strongest support in the country, are the leading members of two elite groups.

It is estimated that a mere dozen League clubs are not in debt (the other 80 owe a total of about £40m) and only four of them, United, Liverpool, Arsenal and Tottenham, can afford to buy anything on offer in the market place. They are the quartet that has formed a so-called Super League.

United, encouragingly, are not smiling only with self satisfaction. Mr Edwards revealed that the club is spending £1m on ground impornments, including an office block that will be completed before the end of the year. Eight new boxes, each accommodating eight people and a new sponsors room, are also being build.

United aim for their fourth final

Hearts attempt to bridge a 22-year gap when they meet Dundee United tonight for a place in the Scottish League Cup final at Hampden Park on October 28.

The Edinburgh club have not reached the final since 1962, when they beat Kilmarnock to win the League Cup – but they start the semi-final second leg with the odds stacked heavily against them.

Dundee United, contesting their sixth successive League Cup semi-final, are favourites to go through to a fourth final after winning 2-1 at Tynecastle a fortnight ago.

However, Alex MacDonald, the Hearts player-manager, said yesterday: "the best thing that happened to us was to beat Rangers on Saturday. That win has put us in the right frame of mind for going to Tannadice.

"We have halted the slide in the league and I feel we are due a break or two against United.

Hearts are likely to be unchanged following Saturday's 1-0 victory over Rangers, but Jim McLean, the Dundee United manager delays his selection to give the captain, Paul Hegarty, and Ralph Milne time to recover from injuries.

Withe will not be suspended

The Aston Villa forward, Peter Withe, yesterday won his mistaken identity case before an FA disciplinary hearing in London and escapes suspension.

But his club colleague, Paul Rideout, now faces a ban after admitting he was the guilty man and will be charged with bringing the game into disrepute.

Withe was sent off in a 3-0 defeat at Ipswich on September 29 by the Aldershot referee, David Letts, for allegedly making an obscene gesture at a linesman. He had earlier been booked. Rideout later admitted he was the offender and Villa submitted written evidence to the FA on this basis.

The disciplinary committee have decided to transfer the "bookable offence" to Rideout. An FA spokesman said: "Withe will not be required to serve a suspension, but a charge will be preferred against Rideout in accordance with the provisions of FA rule 33A (section 8)."

The Villa full back, Colin Gibson, who was also sent off in the match at Ipswich, received a one-match ban and misses the game at Everton on Saturday. The Villa manager, Graham Turner, said he did not wish to comment on the decision.


Rideout: guilty party

Wrexham's first leg in Rome

Wrexham will have to play the first leg of their European Cup Winners' Cup second round tie against AS Roma in Italy after all. It will be on October 24, with the return match at the Racecourse Ground on November 7.

The fourth division club had originally agreed to switch dates to give themselves home advantage in the first leg, but their chairman, Pryce Griffiths, said yesterday that Roma could not agree to the change because of administrative problems.

The fourth division match between Wrexham and Northampton Town has been switched from October 23 to Tuesday, October 16, because of Wrexham's European Cup Winners' Cup commitments.

Schools football

Second-half winner

By George Chesterton

Wellingborough 2
Aldenham 1

A goal by Isherwood in the second half enabled Wellingborough to win a finely balanced schools match. In the early stages, Aldenham were quick onto the ball, tackled well and showed good control, but it was wellingborough who scored first when Thorneycroft hit the post and Isherwood put iNhe rebound.

Aldenham equalized within minutes when Davies neatly controlled a bouncing ball and made no mistake with only the goalkeeper to beat. Other chances came Aldenham's way and they must have been disappointed to cross over at 1-1.

Wellingborough, with the slope and wind now in their favour, threatened particularly when Isherwood showed his speed and control. It was he who scored the winning goal when his sharply swinging corner ended in the roof of the net. Aldenham fought back, making good use of their wings, but Tuckley, the Wellingborough captain, remained calm in a defence which was not breached again.

WELLINGBOROUGH: [illegible] N Tuckley, J Padbury, S Edwards, [illegible] Simpson, S Gahendra, M Evans, Thorneycroft, J Isherwood.
ALDENHAM: C Harrison, A [illegible], [illegible] Baun, N Marks, I Shaw, [illegible] N Davies, S Sterling.

IN BRIEF

Kelly beats Fignon to golden award

Sean Kelly, who won his thiry-first race of the season, th Blois-Chaville classic, on Sunday, has won the Challenge d'Or award for his overall performance this season.

The award, organized by two Paris newspapers, is based on riders' performances in eight races. Kelly beat this year's Tour winner Laurent Fignon, of France, into second place, with Bernard Hinault third and Ireland's Stephen Roche fourth.

MARATHON: A record 70,105 people want to run in the 1985 London Marathon, according to the final figures. More than 13,000 completed forms came in on the two days before applications closed. The organizers will now select the 22,000 who will take part in the marathon, to be run on April 21, 1985.

CROSS-COUNTRY: Kenya will send their national team to Gateshead's international meeting on November 24. It includes three Olympic track finalists: Joseph Chesire who finished fourth in the 1,500 metres, Paul Kipkoech, who ran in the 5,000 metres, and the steeplechaser, Julius Kariuki.

SKIING: Irene Epple, of West Germany, has decided not to retire after all. She will continue on the women's World Cup circuit for one more winter. Miss Epple, aged 27, announced her retirement last winter, after a persistent knee injury. However, she resumed skiing to get fit again after an operation and is enjoying it so much she had decided to return.

GLIDING: The British team for the 1985 world gliding championships at Rieti, Italy, is: Andy Davis, aged 28, the youngest member of the team and the current British standard class national champion; Ralph Jones, the current British open class national champion and Justin Wills. The first reserve is Martyn Wells.

RUGBY LEAGUE: Fulham are allowing under-16s, pensioners and students into Saturday's second division game with Huddersfield for 50 pence, in a bid to boost the attendance at their new Crystal Palace ground.

SNOOKER: Tony Knowles recovered from the effects of his 9–2 defeat by Steve Davis in the final of the Jameson International on Sunday, to go through to the last 32 of the Rothmans grand prix, in Bristol yesterday. Knowles beat Vic Harris 5–1 in the first round of the world's richest tournament.

RUGBY LEAGUE

Wales call in O'Brien

Chris O'Brien, the Bridgend and former Oldham player, wins promotion for Wales in the international against England at Ebbw Vale on Sunday.

O'Brien steps up from his original role as substitute to a place in the pack, where he will allow Brian Juliff of Wigan to switch to loose forward for the unfit John Bevan of Warrington.

● Australian players Chris Anderson and Gavin Miller fly in to join Hull Kingston Rovers the champions and premier holders, this weekend.

Anderson, 30, was a winger with the 1982 undefeated Kangaroo side and played for Widnes in 1974. Miller, 24, is a back row forward with Sydney club Eastern Suburbs.

● Sheffield Eagles, who picked up their first away win of the season at Batley on Sunday, have signed two New Zealand players, Sam Panapa, a 22-year old stand off or centre and Geoff Morton.

Wolstenholme dies at 53

Guy Wolstenholme, one of Britain's foremost amateur golfers in the 1950s, died yesterday in a Nottingham hospital, aged 53.

Wolstenholme, who came from Leicester, won two English Amateur championships, twice played for Great Britain and Ireland in the Walker Cup and also represented England in the World Cup.

He turned professional in 1960 and scored several notable successes, including the PGA championship in 1966. Soon afterwards he went to live in Australia and continued to win tournaments, including the Australian seniors championship in 1981.

Wolstenholme recently returned to England with his wife and two young [illegible]

FOR THE RECORD

HOCKEY

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RUGBY UNION

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FOOTBALL

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AMERICAN FOOTBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: New York Jets 17, Kansas City Chiefs 16; Miami Dolphins 31, Pittsburgh Steelers 7; Denver Broncos 28, Detroit Lions 7; Tampa Bay Buccaneers 35, Minnesota Vikings 31; New England Patriots 17, Cleveland Browns 16; Washington Redskins 35, Indianapolis Colts 7; Chicago Bears 20, New Orleans Saints 7; St Louis [illegible] [illegible] [illegible]

AMERICAN CONFERENCE, EAST

	W	L	T	Pct	F	A
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

CENTRAL

	W	L	T	Pct	F	A
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

WEST

	W	L	D	Pct	F	A
Denver Broncos	5	1	0	.833	109	78
LA Raiders	5	1	0	.833	148	101
Seattle Seahawks	4	2	0	.667	159	104
S D Chargers	4	2	0	.667	161	143
Kansas City Chiefs	3	3	0	.500	110	115

NATIONAL CONFERENCE, EAST

	W	L	D	Pct	F	A
Dallas Cowboys	4	2	0	.667	113	109
W'ton Redskins	4	2	0	.667	159	103
New York Giants	3	2	0	.600	99	111
St Louis Card's	3	3	0	.500	177	154
Phil Eagles	2	4	0	.333	99	126

CENTRAL

	W	L	D	Pct	F	A
Chic'go Bears	4	2	0	.667	113	88
Tampa Bay Bucc	3	3	0	.500	127	143
Minnesota Vik	2	4	0	.333	129	164
Green Bay Pack	1	5	0	.167	99	144
Detroit Lions	1	5	0	.167	130	159

WEST

	W	L	T	Pct	F	A
San Fran 49ers	5	0	0	1.000	132	82
Los Ang Rams	3	3	0	.500	132	117
New Or Saints	3	3	0	.500	133	133
Atlanta Fal	3	3	0	.500	157	134

VOLLEYBALL

PARMA: International Cup, third round: Santal (It) 3, Mladost Zagreb (Yug) 0; CSKA (USSR) 3, Ferrocarril (Arg) 1

TENNIS

SYDNEY: Australian indoor championships: Men's singles, first round: V Amritraj (Ind) bt C D Johnstone (Aus) 6-4, 6-4; B Drewett bt C Hooper (US) 6-4, 6-2; P McNamee bt R Simpson (NZ) 6-4, 7-6; L Bourne (US) bt M [illegible] (Aus) 4-6, 7-5; M Freeman (US) bt L Shiras (US) 6-4, 6-7, 7-5; B Testerman (US) bt P Cash (Aus) 7-6, 4-6, 6-4; [illegible] bt J Alexander (Aus) 6-1, 6-1; P Fleming (US) bt B Boileau (US) 6-3, 6-4; H Simonsson (Swe) bt M Edmondson (Aus) 0-6, 6-4, 6-4.

TAIPEI: Women's tournament, first round: [illegible] bt K Sands (US) 6-3, 6-2; [illegible] bt V Nelson (US) 6-4, 7-6; [illegible] bt [illegible] (US) 1-6, 6-1, 6-2.

MEN'S GRAND PRIX STANDINGS: 1, J McEnroe (US) 3,1[illegible]; 2, J Connors (US) 2,3[illegible]; 3, I Lendl (Cz) 2,2[illegible]; 4, A Gomez (Ecuador) 1,7[illegible]; 5, M Wilander (Swe) 1,5[illegible]; 6, H Sundstrom (Swe) [illegible]; 7, J Nystrom (Swe) [illegible]; 8, [illegible] (US) [illegible]; 9, T Smid (Cz) [illegible]; 10, [illegible]

TOKYO: Japan Open: Men's singles, first round: [illegible] Krishnan (Ind) bt S Hiraishi (Jap), 6-3, 6-3; H Sands (US) bt I Nakanishi (Jap), 6-3, 6-1; L Duncan (US) bt T Fukui (Jap), 6-3, 6-0; B Derlin (NZ) bt S Horiuchi (Jap), 6-1, 6-2; T Nelson (US) bt R Harmon (US), 7-6, 6-1; S Zivojinovic (Yug) bt M Dickson (US), 5-7, 7-5, 6-4; A Gomez (Ec) bt M Anger (US), 6-2, 6-2; E Korita (US) bt T E Gullikson (US), 6-3, 3-6, 6-3; S Giammalva (US) bt V Winitsky (US), 7-6, 6-3; T R Gullikson (US) bt R Seguso (US), 6-4, 6-4; F Gonzalez (Par) bt M Fedderly (US), 6-4, 6-1; M Mitchell (US) bt J Gurfein (US), 2-6, 7-5, 7-6.

Women's singles: first round: B Herr (US) bt P Whytcross (Aus), 6-0, 6-0; M Quinlan (US) bt H Eisterlehner (WG), 6-1, 6-1; A Villagran (Arg) bt J Warringa (Neth), 4-6, 6-3, 6-3; M Schillig (US) bt M Yokota (Jap), 6-4, 4-6, 7-6; K Kal (US) bt H Park (S Kor), 1-6, 7-6, 7-6; M Van Nostrand (US) bt S Solomon (US), 6-2, 6-3; B Nagelsen (US) bt A Kijimuta (Jap), 7-5, 6-0; G Sabatini (Arg) bt L Thompson (US), 6-4, 7-6; R Reis (US) bt T Mochizuki (US), 6-4, 6-4; L Drescher (Switz) bt A Kanellopoulos (Gr), 6-4, 6-2; M Schropp (WG) bt M Yanagi (Jap), 6-1, 6-3; B Bramblett (US) bt A Tobin-Dingwall (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; S Foltz (US) bt E Inoue (Jap), 6-0, 2-6, 6-4; A Holton (US) bt C Reynolds (US), 3-6, 7-5, 6-3; E Okagawa (Jap) bt K Kinney (Aus), 6-2, 6-4; E Rapponi-Longo (Arg) bt K Stampfli (Switz), 6-4, 6-3.

ATP STANDING: 1, J McEnroe (USA); 2, J Connors (USA); 3, I Lendl (Cz); 4, M Wilander (Swe); 5, A Gomez (Ec); 6, H Sandstrom (Swe); 7, Jarryd (Swe); 8, E Teltscher (USA) 9, J Arias (USA); 10, Y Noah (Fr)

WTA STANDINGS: 1, M Navratilova (USA) 2,700 pts (15 tournaments); 2, C Lloyd (USA) 2,100 (16); 3, H Mandlikova (Cz) 1,150 (18); 4, H Sukova (Cz) 1,125 (18); 5, C Kohde-Kilsch (WG) 975 (18); 6, Z Garrison (USA) 968 (22); 7, C Bassett (USA) 850 (21); 8, L Bonder (USA) 810 (19); 9, S Hanika (WG) 780 (18); 10, K Jordan (USA) 755 (14).

DARLINGTON: LTA Junior Winter Series: Under-18s: Boys: Semi-finals: D Stafford bt [illegible] Petchey 6-1, 7-5; S Booth bt N Fastley 3-6, 6-3, 6-4. Final: Stafford bt Booth 6-4, 6-0. Girls: Semi-finals: S McCarthy bt A Simpkin 6-1, 6-2; T Catlin bt S Godwin 6-4, 6-2. Final: McCarthy bt Catlin 2-6, 7-5, 7-6.

GOLF

[illegible] O'Meara, $[illegible]; 3, A Bean, $[illegible]; 4, D Watson (SA), $[illegible]; 5, T Kite, $[illegible]; 6, B Langer, $[illegible]; 7, F Couples, $[illegible]; 8, C Stadler, $[illegible]; 9, G Norman (Aus), $[illegible]; 10, P Jacobsen, $[illegible]. Britons: [illegible] N Faldo, $[illegible]; [illegible] Oosterhuis, $[illegible].

LPGA Tour Earnings (US unless stated): [illegible] Lopez 183,758; 8, J Carner 144,900; 9, D White 124,359; 10, K Whitworth 122,228

BASKETBALL

KORAC CUP: First round, first leg: UE Panionios Athens 115, Keravnos Nicosia 55.

SPEEDWAY

BRITISH LEAGUE: Reading 47, Wimbledon 31; Exeter 43, Oxford 35

MIDLAND CUP: Semi-final, second leg: Wolverhampton 33, Cradley Heath 38. Cradley win 79-77 on aggregate

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Edinburgh 42, Canterbury 34.

NETBALL

NATIONAL LEAGUE: Birmingham 44, Essex Metropolitan 32; Cheshire 27, Bedfordshire 32; Hampshire North 23, Hertfordshire 46; Northamptonshire 39, Suffolk 43.

TABLE TENNIS

SAINT-QUENTIN, France: European League: France 5, Norway 2. Results (French first): P Birocheau bt T Johanssen 21-13, 14-21, 21-14; P Renverse bt E Rasmussen 21-15, 21-18; N Daviaud bt T Folkeson 21-14, 12-21, 22-20; Renverse/F Farout lost to Johanssen/Rasmussen 18-21, 21-16, 22-24; Renverse/Daviaud lost to Johanssen/Folkeson 18-21, 13-21; Birocheau bt Rasmussen 21-14, 21-16; Renverse bt Johanssen 24-22, 21-13.

CRICKET

India undaunted by defeats, Gavaskar says

Bombay, (Reuter) – Sunil Gavaskar, India's captain, undaunted by his team's defeats by Australia in the past two weeks, forecast yesterday that India would do well against Pakistan on the forthcoming tour. "Match wall [illegible] [illegible]" [illegible] on the eve of the 16-member Indian squad's departure for Karachi.

Gavaskar, whose side were beaten 3-0 in the one-day series by the touring Australians [illegible] games washed [illegible] [illegible] and will play against Pakistan with a will to win." he said.

The team manager, Raj Singh, said four players in the squad sustained injuries against Australia, but none was serious enough to warrant a replacement. Dilip Vengsarkar is nursing a shin injury, while Sandip Patil has groin trouble. Wicket-keeper Syed Kirmani has a back problem and Ghulam Parkar an injured finger.

"A couple of these players may not be fit for the first international at Quetta on October 12." Singh said. India will play three one-day internationals, three Tests and one charity match against Pakistan.

Gavaskar, reinstated as captain for the matches against Australia and Pakistan, lost the captaincy after a disastrous tour of Pakistan against a side led by Imran Khan.

Meanwhile the Australian cricket team left for home yesterday to face the challenge of a visiting West Indies side, who arrive next week.

YACHTING

A famous victory goes to the wiliest

From a Special Correspondent, [illegible]

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Passions of a poacher turned keeper

By Conrad Voss Bark

FISHING

Taken from any viewpoint, Frank Sawyer was a remarkable man. He came from a family of six, had little education, began life as a farm labourer who had been banned from riverside for poaching, and ended it as a world-renowned river keeper, friend of the famous, an entomologist of distinctin, and creator of one of the most famous of all fly pattens – the pheasant tail nymph which is now fished almost everywhere from Nova Scotia to Japan. How did he do it all?

The enigma is at least partially resolved in a new book by a friend of Sawyer's, Sidney Vines, *Man of the Riverside* (Allen and Unwin, £9.95 hardback). Half of the book is a collection of Sawyer's unpublished writings about his boyhood.

The other half contains extracts from Sawyer's published works, together with assessments of Sawyer by men like Charles Ritz and Alex Behrendt.

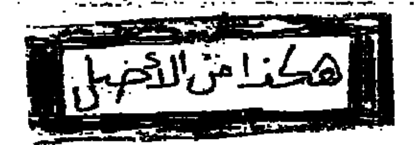
Major Vines links all this with comments of his own – a difficult format compared with the straight biography which ought to be written – but it does further our knowledge of this complex yet simple man.

What comes over clearly is Sawyer's passionate devotion to the river which eventually became his charge, his stubborn persistence, his sensitivity, his more-than-usual ability to study and observe. He was one of those rare creatures: a born genius.

It is a pity that apart from some charming line drawings, the book contains no photographs of Sawyer at all. People would really like to know what this remarkable man looked like. His face was extraordinarily expressive. Very sad.

On the whole, however, Major Vines and his publishers have served Sawyer well, which cannot be said of the new paperback of Sawyer's *Nymphs and the Trout*, (Adam and Charles Black, £6.95 paperback).

The photoprinting is of uneven quality, the out-of-date line and book numbers are lacking an explanation, so that modern readers will not know what size of hooks or weight of lines Sawyer used, and to add insult to injury, to those who knew of their antagonism, the photograph on the front cover is not of Sawyer, but of Oliver Kite.



MOTOR SPORT

Monaco erased from the map and rally faces similar fate

Paris (AP) – The Monaxo Grand Prix has been removed from the next year's Formula One racing calendar and the Monte Carlo Rally is under threat. But since the Monaco race has been replaced the the Principality has applied to French courts to judge a dispute with the international motor sports federation (FISA) over television rights, sources said privately that the grand prix may yet be held.

The Grand Prix, first run on the streets of Monte Carlo in 1929, is the oldest European-style track race still held on its original circuit and the rally, dating back to 1911, the oldest road event.

Monaco were not given a championship rece next year because of their dispute over television rights, Jean-Marce Balestre, the president of FISA, said. And Monaco Automobile Club have until October 26 to pay their neighbouring French club, of which Balestre is also president, one million francs for the rally passing through France.

Monaco were warned by FISA last March that they must conform to 1981 agreement of all grand prix organizers, under which television rights are held by FISA and operated by the Formula One Constructors' Assiciation (FOCA). Monaco were exempted until last year because of an existing contract with the American Broadcasting Company. Balestre said they signed a new agreement with ABC in violation of the accord and an interinm agreement with the FOCA did not remedy the situation.

The Monaco Grand Prix aroused controversy on June 3, when the commissioner, Jacky Ickx, halted the race after 31 laps of the 77 laps because of rain.

● **John Blunsden writes:** The exclusion of the Monaco Grand Prix from the 1985 world championship calendar is not surprising, bearing in mind the *long-running argument between* FISA and the Monaco Automobile Club concerning television rights and the considerable personal animosity between their respective presidents, Jean-Marie Balestre and Michel Boeri.

Under the terms of the Concorde agreement, which governs the operation of grand prix racing, television rights are the property of FISA, who reassign them to FOCA. The Monaco club's four-year agreement with ABC Television cuts across this arrangement, which leaves FOCA members in an interesting dilemma.

As signatories to the Concorde agreement, they must support the FISA decision, but such is the importance of the Monaco race that some team sponsors include a financial penalty in their contracts in the event of the race not taking place. For that reason alone, the possibility of a non-championship Monaco Grand Prix – probably on next May 19 – should not be ruled out completely.

PROVISIONAL 1985 CALENDAR: March 24: Dallas; April 7: Brazil (Rio de Janeiro); April 21: Portugal (Estoril); May 5: San Marino (Imola); June 2: Belgium (Spa Francorchamps); June 16: Canada (Montreal); June 23: Detroit; July 7: France (Paul Ricard); July 20: Britain (Silverstone); August 4: West Germany (Nürburgring); August 25: Netherlands (Zandvoort); September 8: Italy (Monza); September 22: New York; October 13: Australia (Adelaide); October 26: South Africa (Kyalami). Reserve: European Grand Prix in Rome.
● The Dallas, Brazilian, Dutch and New York races are conditional upon the organizers' meeting the requirements of FISA's Formula One committee and executive committee by November 1.

Prost picks up an extra point

Paris (Reuter) – Alain Prost of France moved one point closer to Niki Lauda of Austria in the race for the Formula One world drivers' championship following a points adjustment announced by the international motor sport federation (FISA) yesterday.

Prost, who closed up on his McLaren team-mate Lauda after winning Sunday's European Grand Prixat the Nürburgring, was awarded an extra point as a result of the disqualification of the Tyrrell driver, Martin Brundle of Britain, from the Detroit Grand Prix in June. The Tyrrell team were judged to have infringed fuel regulations and were suspended from the championship.

Prost now has 62.5 points, just 3.5 behind Lauda, with one race – the Portuguese Grand Prix at Estoril – remaining.

Prost finshed fifth in Detroit but was moved up to fourth place yesterday following a decision by FISA's Executive Committee meeting at their Paris headquarters for the past two days.

●BBC Television will broadcast the Portuguese Grand Prix live on BBC2 on October 21.

Revival plan for Peking to Paris run

Peking. (Reuter) – A company based *in New York is planning to* stage a Peking-Paris motor rally in June 1986, the first for nearly 80 years, a Canton newspaper said yesterday.

It said the company, which it did not name, had held private discussions with leaders of 15 countries through which the cars would pass and had made satisfactory arrangements.

Leaving from Peking's Tiananmen Square, competitors would cross China to Pakistan from where they and their vehicles would be *shipped to Oman, by-passing the* war zones of Afghanistan, Iran and Iraq, the newspaper said.

It added that the company was now seeking financial sponsorship to supply petrol for about 400 cars and back-up vehicles.

Only five cars took part in the first Peking-Paris rally in 1907. Attempts by a group of British rally enthusiasts to mark the seventy-fifth anniversary of that epic run with a repeat performance in 1982 foundered, apparently because of the immense logistical and security *problems involved.*

BOXING

Fossey's way leads past Romanus to greatness

By Srikumar Sen
Boxing Correspondent

Sylvester Mittee, the Bethnal *Green welterweight who returned to* boxing nine months ago, has his career mapped out all the way to a world title bout. All he needs is a title that will give him status and open the right doors for him. He gets that chance tonight when he meets Fighting Romanus, of Nigeria, for the Commnwealth title vacated by Colin Jones, at the Britannia Leisure Centre, Shoreditch.

For a man who has been promised a bout with the former world light-welterweight champion, Jonny Bomphus, Mittee is bound to *go all out to show that he really is in* another class. That is whiy Romanus can expect those looping blows from Mittee to start flying early.

Mittee's trainer, Ernie Fossey, said: "Romanus is a good boxer if you let him box at his own rhythm. Sylvester will have to sit on him right away. He will walk up and let go those big, big shots. That should do it." *But the Africans are certain* Romanus will weather Mittee's attacks and stop him as he has 13 of 24 opponents.

Romanus's trainer, Phillip Anjous said yesterday: "We know Mittee can punch, but can he take one? Obviously, Romanus's camp have not done their homework, or they would have known about that toe-for-toe affair with Clinton McKenzie at Wembley.

The Nigerian is very much an unknown quantity, never having boxed outside West Africa. There is, however, one opponent that the two men have in common: Jedas Clottey. Romanus lost to him on points while Mittee stopped him in two rounds.

Mittee: world title aim

Nevertheless, if Mittee does not *manage to subdue Romanus quickly* and he does pick himself up, Fossey can start worrying. Romanus got up off the floor against the Nigerian light-middleweight champion, Phillip Adeleye, and won. Clearly Romanus can box. He was trained as an amateur by Hogan Bassey, the former world featherweight champion, and would have gone to the Montreal Olympics had the Africans not boycotted the Games.

On the supporting bill, Dennis Andries of Hackney, defends his light-heavyweight title against Devon Bailey, of Battersea. Andries *boxing in front of his home crowd* for the first time and seeking to make the Lonsdale Belt his own, shold prove a tough proposition for the Rolls Royce mechanic. Andries *is strong and can punch.*



BASEBALL

Tigers stalk the Padres

San Diego (Reuter) – The Detroit Tigers, who swept through the *American League* virtually unchallenged, are contesting the sport's blue riband event, the World Series, with the San Diego Padres, who staged a dazzling comeback to win *the National* League championship.

The Tigers, who led the American League Eastern Division from the opening day and beat the Western Division champions, Kansas City Royals, in three straight games, are favoured to win their first World Series since 1968.

The Padres, the first National League team to win a best-of-five championship series after losing the first two games, will be in their first series since the team was formed in 1969.

The sides were due to play the first of their five games in the series here last night.

RUGBY UNION: SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST AND MIDLANDS WARM UP FOR VISIT OF AUSTRALIANS

Omission of Hill may not please England

By David Hands
Rugby Correspondent

Richard Hill, England's current scrum half, has been overlooked by the South and South West divisional selectors, who yesterday named their team to play the Australians at Exeter on October 20.

The Bristol half backs, Harding and Barnes, have been picked as a successful club pairing, the strength of their case being allied to the selection at No 8 of Hesford, their club colleague, whose understanding with Harding is an important feature of Bristol's success.

Yet the decision to ignore Hill will win few friends and is unlikely to impress all the national selectors, particularly those who saw Hill work his way to two caps on the summer tour of South Africa.

If there had been a reaction in Hill's game this season it would have been understandable for a player who achieved so much in such a short time. Yet he is still *performing* well in a successful Bath side and did as much as anyone could wish behind a badly beaten England pack in the game against the world XV at Twickenham last month.

It is to be hoped that he will reply to the selectors' decision in an emphatic manner on Saturday, on Somerset's behalf, when he comes up against Melville, of Yorkshire, *the man most likely* to contest his claims to the England position in the long term.

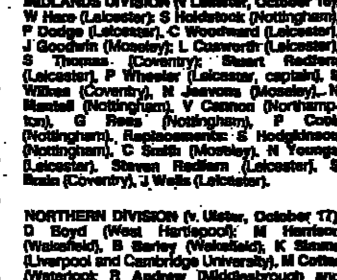
There are eight Bath players in the divisional side, which will be *captained by Mills, the Gloucester* hooker. Redman, the 20-year-old Bath lock, will jump in the middle of the line, an area where the Australians are expected to be strong – another reason for choosing the height of Hesford rather than the sheer indusiry of the shorter Gloucester player, Teague.

Among those who have disappeared from view since the division's defeat against the New Zealanders last year are Horton, Boyle and Gadd. Preedy is relegated to the replacements' bench and Blakeway is injured.

Two other divisional sides were announced yesterday: the Midlands, who play Leinster at Coventry next Tuesday; and the North, who meet Ulster at Ravenhill the following day. *The Midlands, who play the* Australians on November 6, have restored Wheeler as their hooker and captain after only one senior game for Leicester this season, and have also called into the squad Wilkes, the Coventry tight-head *prop.* Cook, *the Nottingham back* row, and Wells, the promising Leicester flanker.



Hill: Performing well in successful Bath side.



Midlands, too, have overlooked a recent England scrum half in *choosing* Thomas, of Coventry, ahead of Youngs, of Leicester, but they have the opportunity to change their minds after meeting Leinster.

There is an experimental look to the Northern Division.
The North play the Australians on November 28 at Waterloo.

SOUTH AND SOUTH WEST DIVISION (v Australians, October 20): C Martin; D Trick, A Rees, J Palmer (all Bath), R Mogg (Gloucester); S Barnes (Bristol), R Harding (Bristol); G Chilcott (Bath), S Mills (Gloucester, captain), A Sheppard (Bristol), J Hall (Bath), N Redman (Bath), J Orwin (Gloucester), R Spurrell (Bath), R Hesford (Bristol). Replacements: S Hogg (Bristol), C Price (London Welsh), R Hill (Bath), M Preedy (Gloucester), D Palmer (Bristol), N Pomphrey (Bristol).

MIDLANDS DIVISION (v Leinster, October 16): W Hare (Leicester); S Holdstock (Nottingham), P Dodge (Leicester), C Woodward (Leicester), J Goodwin (Moseley); L Cusworth (Leicester), S Thomas (Coventry); Stuart Redfern (Leicester), P Wheeler (Leicester, captain), S Wilkes (Coventry), N Jeavons (Moseley), N Mantell (Nottingham), V Cannon (Northampton), G Rees (Nottingham), P Cook (Nottingham). Replacements: S Hodgkinson (Nottingham), C Smith (Moseley), N Youngs (Leicester), Steven Redfern (Leicester), S Bain (Coventry), J Wells (Leicester).

NORTHERN DIVISION (v. Ulster, October 17): D Boyd (West Hartlepool); M Harrison (Wakefield), B Barley (Wakefield), K Simms (Liverpool and Cambridge University), M Cotter (Waterloo); R Andrew (Middlesbrough and Cambridge University), N Melville (Wasps); G Cook (West Hartlepool), N Hitchen (Orrell), E Bell (West Hartlepool), S Tipping (Sale), J Syddall (Waterloo, captain), W Dooley (Preston Grasshoppers), P Winterbottom (Headingley), J Ellison (Headingley and Cambridge University). Replacements: J Buckton (Hull and East Riding), D Johnson (Gosforth), H JarZyna (Morley), P Huntsman (Headingley), M Dixon (Fylde), S Flack (Blackheath).

British eyes will be opened if Wallabies play to their name

By Don Cameron

The cause of rugby will be advanced materially should the Wallabies, who left Australia for Britain yesterday, have a successful tour over the next two months. By successful I do not mean unbeaten. Of their 18 games the Wallabies have few soft ones. Whoever formed an itinerary containing consecutive matches in eight days against England, Midlands and Ireland must have been comparing notes with the New Zealand schemers who designed the 1983 British Lions' itinerary.

The Australians have much to offer. They have a good spread of height and weight and speed among their forwards; best of all, they have, at least among their senior players, an exciting backline, provided they play like Australians.

There's the rub. At their best, Wallaby backs can produce an uninhibited irreverence which makes nonsense of the cautious course of modern back play. I have just put down a book by Stuart Wilson and Bernie Fraser, those All Black wing soul-mates, in which they judge the Wallaby backs as the most dangerous opponents in the world because they are talented, brash and, most of all, unpredictable.

A Wallaby backline of Cox and *Ella as half-backs*, Hawker and Slack in midfield, Moon and Campese on the wings and Gould at full-back may be a more potent scoring unit than even France can manage. The French may possess more subtle flair, but I wonder whether Codorniou, Sella and company would have the hard-headed discipline of the Wallaby backs playing at the peak of their arrogant form.

Yet the great disappointment of a rather tawdry Wallaby-All Black series on the dry, fast fields of Australia in July and August was that the Wallaby backs were inhibited, that they had no recognizable battle-plan and that they stuttered about like nervous novices. They discarded their *birthright* and took upon themselves a muddling mess of tactical kicking designed not to put the ball into the hands of such explosive runners as Campese and Moon.

These tactics were sufficient to out point an uncertain, unready All Black side in the first international. Within 15 minutes of the start of the second international the Wallabies, *drawing on Ella's magic*, were 12-0 ahead. They had glory, and the rubber, within easy reach – and they choked. Their backs kicked and they allowed a useful All Black pack, and *Robbie Dean's boot,* to squeeze them out of that international and the third.

Yet these were the backs who, in 1982 and a few hours before the third international at Eden Park (again 1-1 in the series), had planned that the first piece of useful possession they gained would be put through the backline with two cut-out passes and a try in the corner. Which they did.

Why the change from confident arrogance in 1982 to confused *diffidence in 1984?* One reason must be that the team had not regained poise or direction after the sanguinary revolution early this year which removed that innovative coach, Bob Dwyer, with a long record of successful backline coaching, and put in Alan Jones, an eloquent talker and, according to his champions, a singular motivator.

Jones is interesting to listen to. In one of his fruitier moments he referred to himself as the Ghengis Khan of Australian rugby as, he said, Ghengis had been one of the great conservatives of history. He may be a motivator, whatever that means, but whether he knows sufficient about the nuts and bolts of an international machine remains the key question.

Before the third international, and amid Australia's continual problem of finding a consistent goal kicker, Jones said he had had a long discussion with Gould, who had *shied away from kicking duties in* the first and second internationals, Gould, Jones said, had been made aware of his responsibilities: he would be the lead-off kicker. Gould made a diffident hash of the first two attempts, which had a strong impact on the course of the game, *and Ella* took over again.

So there must be the question whether Jones, for all his literate larynx, can persuade himself and his players that they should do what *they do best – play like Australians.*

It will be important, too, that Jones persuades his Wallabies to adjust to the static nature of British rugby, a cause for, or the result of, what is regarded in southern parts as the over-technical northern hemisphere refereeing. The All Blacks and the Wallabies did not react well to the precise refereeing of Roger Quittenton and David Burnett during the international series, although Jones did indulge in some press-agentry designed to make Burnett aware of what Jones regarded as All Black skulduggery.

If the Wallabies are flexible enough to form their own distinctive pattern of play around the British playing and refereeing styles, *they will be interesting and easy to* watch. They have the basis of a strong international pack, helped not a little by the rapid introduction of Enrique Rodriguez, the squat, powerful former Argentine prop, who has put a poish on Australian scrum technique. They have a beanpole in the 6ft 8in Steve Cutler, whom the All Blacks found a nuisance at the lineout.

Even from this distance it is possible to suggest that in some parts of Britain rugby is forward-orientated and penalty goal-ridden *to the point of stagnation.*

Should the Australians, specially their backs, play to their birthright, to their image of slightly wild colonial boys, they might open a few British eyes to the old truths that the *best rugby is based on the simple* arts of speed of hand and foot, speed of passing and backing-up and particularly of the fluid flow away from the heaving forward pile-up *and into the wide open spaces* beyond.

Visa problem delays prop forward

Sydney (Reuter) – One member of the Wallabies team who did not leave yesterday was their prop forward, Enrique Rodriguez, the former Argentine international. An hour before the flight, he discovered he did not have a visa to enter Britain.

The Australian's coach and assistant manager, Alan Jones, said: "This is incredible. And nobody is doing anything aout it." The team's *executive director,* John Dedrick, then rushed Rodriguez from the airport to the British consulate and an official of the British High Commission in Canberra eventually gave the necessary authorization.

Rodriguez arrived back at the airport just in time to see his plane take off. He is now booked on a flight to London today and should therefore be available for the team's first game against London at Twickenham on October 17.

Rodriguez, aged 32, still travels on an Argentine passport even though he has settled in Sydney with *his family.*

Boyle moving

Steve Boyle, the British Lion, has left Gloucester to join the Birmingham side Moseley. Boyle, aged 31, a second-row forward, who lives in Cheltenham, said yesterday that he had left the club because he has not been able to get a regular first-team game this season. The offer from Moseley was the most attractive of several he had received, Boyle said.

CRICKET: FINAL FIRST-CLASS AVERAGES FOR 1984 SEASON

Batsmen revel but bowlers toil in a long hot summer

By Marcus Williams

Batsmen revelled in the long, hot summer of 1984 and the final first-class averages for the season, headed for the first time by Mike Gatting, *reveal two new statistical* landmarks. Graham Gooch's aggregate of 2,559 runs and the total of batsmen scoring more than 2,000 runs – five – are the highest since the reduction in county championship matches in 1969.

By contrast, the dry pitches meant hours of toil for the bowlers and one statistic adds weight to the argument that the standard of bowling in the English game has never been lower. In the previous 120 seasons of first-class cricket there have never been as few as the four bowlers who this year finished with an average below 20 runs a wicket, an accepted yardstick for a good season. The previous trough was five in 1970 and in another dry summer, 1976.

Moreover, the men at the top of this year's list, Hadlee and Harper, are from overseas, although it is heartening by comparison with 1983 to discover that three of the bowlers selected for England's winter tour (Allott, Cowans and Ellison) are in the top 15 – not to mention two promising *members of the younger* school, Tremlett and Such – and that the remaining four are all in the top 40. A year ago Dilley was best placed, at nineteenth, and the rest ranged from twenty-ninth to eighty-fifth.

Hadlee's bowling – 117 wickets at 14.05, four points ahead of the field – would be outstanding in any season, let alone one of such poor vintage, and his 1,179 runs at 51.26 also brought him the first double since 1967 and eleventh place in the batting list; such figures encourage comparison with great all-rounders such as Hirst and Rhodes.

Hadlee's batting reached new heights in 1984, but his bowling maintained a remarkable sequence since he entered English cricket. In 1978 he finished tenth (average 16.26), in 1979 eighth (16.02) and then first in each of the next three seasons: 1980 (14.13), 1981 (14.89) and 1982 (14.57). Only in 1983, when he was committed for most of the time to the New Zealand touring *team, did he fall from such peaks,* finishing eighteenth (21.73).



Hadlee: outstanding all-round.

Similarly, Gatting has shown great consistency and, for the fourth successive summer, he is the highest placed batsman eligible for England, as well as being the first Englishman since Boycott in 1979 to top the averages. This follows Gatting's eighth place in 1981, sixth in 1982 and third last year with accompanying rises in his average.

Marks was another member of the tour party to finish in the top 15, as *did* Robinson together with three colleagues from the Nottinghamshire side which just failed to wrest the county title from Essex in the thrilling climax to the season. Lever, of Essex, was the only bowler apart from Hadlee to take a hundred wickets and Gooch's valuable bowling for the champions elevated him to thirteenth position in that list *to go with his third for batting.*

Other notable all-round achievements came from Marks (1,262 runs and 86 wickets), Colin Wells (1,389 and 59), Ontong (1,320 and 74) and *Miller (933 and 87), who achieved* their best seasons, but there were sad declines of form among several Test players: Chris Smith 1,298 runs (average 28.21) against 1,923 (53.41) in 1983; Tavaré 1,198 (29.21) against 1,030 (42.91) and Zaheer 738 (30.75) against 867 (45.63).

It is perhaps saddest of all to see Willis, a great servant of English cricket, in his last, albeit truncated, season languishing near the foot of the bowling list with a mere 15 wickets at an average of almost 50. However, as a leading article in this newspaper more than half a century ago observed: "Great aggregates of runs and good averages are not always the truest test of great play."

Warwicks signing

Wayne Matthews, a 20-year-old right-hand opening batsman, who scored two centuries for Warwickshire's second XI towards the end of last season, is to join the county's professional staff next summer. Matthews has represented England Schools.

Batting

Qualification: 8 innings, average 10.00

	Inns	NO	Runs	HS	Avge
M W Gatting	43	10	2257	258	68.39
P W Denning	8	3	338	90	67.60
G A Gooch	45	7	2559	227	67.34
Javed Miandad	15	2	832	212*	64.00
G Boycott	35	10	1567	153*	62.68
J G Wright	21	1	1201	177	60.05
D L Amiss	50	10	2239	122	55.97
M D Crowe	41	6	1870	190	53.42
V J Marks	34	10	1262	134	52.58
A I Kallicharran	50	6	2301	200*	52.29
R J Hadlee	31	8	1179	210*	51.26
R T Robinson	47	7	2032	171	50.80
P Johnson	14	1	647	133	49.76
T A Lloyd	14	2	590	110	49.16
C E B Rice	39	7	1553	152*	48.53
G W Humpage	47	8	1891	205	48.48
V P Terry	28	3	1208	175*	48.32
R A Smith	13	3	483	132	48.30
P A Neale	42	6	1706	143	47.38
P M Roebuck	37	1	1702	159	47.27
P W G Parker	40	4	1692	181	47.00
K S McEwan	44	6	1755	142*	46.18
K J Barnett	41	3	1734	144	45.63
B C Broad	40	5	1549	108*	44.25
Younis Ahmed	35	4	1369	158*	44.16
J Derrick	15	7	351	69*	43.87
D L Haynes	18	1	743	125	43.70
C M Wells	39	7	1389	203	43.40
G S Clinton	28	6	948	192	43.29
W N Slack	46	8	1631	145	42.92
Kapil Dev	19	4	640	95	42.66
T S Curtis	36	3	1405	129	42.57
D M Smith	31	5	1093	189*	42.03
D R Turner	37	4	1365	153	41.36
D W Randall	40	3	1528	136	41.29
T E Jesty	44	4	1625	248	40.62
J W Lloyds	30	10	812	113*	40.60
A J Lamb	34	4	1209	133*	40.30
R O Butcher	40	7	1326	116	40.18
P E Robinson	24	5	756	92	39.78
T J Boon	37	6	1233	144	39.77
G Cook	43	4	1539	102	39.46
R D V Knight	35	3	1254	142	39.18
K Sharp	39	2	1445	173	39.05
R A Woolmer	14	3	427	153	38.81
M A Lynch	41	1	1546	144	38.65
M D Haysman	10	4	230	102*	38.33
A R Butcher	41	4	1415	135*	38.24
M R Benson	26	2	914	127	38.08
R J Bailey	45	8	1405	114	37.97
C W J Athey	52	4	1812	114*	37.75
D L Bairstow	26	5	787	94	37.47
J Balderstone	36	2	1260	181*	37.05
A L Jones	51	2	1811	132	36.95
J Abrahams	39	6	1216	201*	36.84
J J E Hardy	20	6	513	95	36.64
J J Whitaker	32	2	1097	160	36.56
W Larkins	49	3	1656	183*	36.00
P Willey	45	4	1472	167	35.90
D I Gower	30	2	999	117*	35.67
R C Ontong	45	8	1320	204*	35.67
M D Moxon	32	3	1034	126*	35.66
R G Lumb	17	2	534	165*	35.60
D G Aslett	45	3	1491	221*	35.50
P W Romaines	52	0	1844	141	35.46
J E Morris	28	1	948	135	35.11
R I H B Dyer	36	2	1187	106*	34.91
B R Hardie	38	7	1077	99	34.74
G Fowler	29	0	1007	226	34.72
C T Radley	38	7	1072	128*	34.58
S J O'Shaughnessy	38	4	1167	159*	34.32
D J Capel	28	5	789	81	34.30
A G Davies	14	5	308	69	34.22
D J Wild	27	2	855	144	34.20
M C J Nicholas	48	2	1559	158	33.89
H Morris	20	4	542	114*	33.87
D N Patel	41	1	1348	197	33.70
G D Mendis	36	2	1141	209*	33.55
J D Carr	14	0	468	123	33.42
J A Hopkins	50	5	1500	123*	33.33
C Gladwin	45	3	1396	162	33.23
K W R Fletcher	37	5	1056	131	33.00
A Hill	44	3	1352	125	32.97
I P Butcher	42	1	1349	130	32.90
P J Prichard	29	2	888	100	32.88
N F Popplewell	36	2	1116	133	32.82
A P Wells	39	7	1045	127	32.65
R G Williams	37	4	1072	169	32.48
J A Ormrod	40	3	1199	139*	32.40
P Bainbridge	42	7	1133	134*	32.37
J D Birch	33	5	905	110*	32.32
N R Taylor	39	5	1098	139	32.29
G Miller	34	5	933	130	32.17
A Sidebottom	22	6	511	54*	31.93
I T Botham	26	1	797	90	31.88
A W Stovold	50	2	1524	139*	31.75
A J Stewart	21	3	570	73	31.66
N H Fairbrother	39	1	1201	102	31.60
W P Fowler	38	8	948	116	31.60
C S Cowdrey	37	4	1039	125*	31.48
P J Newport	11	5	187	40*	31.16
Zaheer Abbas	28	4	738	157*	30.75
N G Cowley	38	4	1042	80	30.64
S P Henderson	17	1	487	108	30.43
G J Toogood	15	1	425	109	30.25
C J Richards	38	8	908	109	30.26
R J Boyd-Moss	32	2	905	105	30.16
A M Ferreira	39	13	777	76*	29.88
R A Harper	13	2	328	73	29.81
G C Holmes	37	2	1039	90	29.68
B C Rose	33	4	856	123	29.51
G J Parsons	39	10	853	63	29.41
C J Tavare	41	0	1198	117	29.21
M Watkinson	29	6	667	77	29.00
M A Garnham	29	6	666	84	28.95
M J Weston	41	4	1061	145*	28.67
P G P Roebuck	12	2	286	62	28.60
J H Hampshire	32	4	792	101*	28.28
J F Steele	41	12	820	60*	28.27
C L Smith	49	3	1298	125	28.21
P A Smith	41	4	1040	89	28.10
R M Estbrooke	16	1	420	66	28.00
D J Humphries	32	9	644	133*	28.00
S H Wootton	8	1	194	97	27.71
J N Shepherd	39	7	885	87	27.65
I A Greig	35	5	813	106*	27.10
J D Love	23	2	568	112	27.04
D A Reeve	22	4	486	119	27.00
A J Wright	39	3	971	139	26.97
R M Ellcock	8	3	134	45*	26.80
B N French	32	6	697	98	26.80
R K Illingworth	20	7	346	43*	26.61
G D Barlow	36	2	903	96	26.55
A M Green	40	2	1006	81	26.47
B Roberts	26	5	554	80	26.38
J Simmons	34	5	748	72*	25.79
P R Downton	33	9	618	88	25.75
S N Hartley	21	4	437	104*	25.70
D B D'Oliveira	34	3	796	74	25.67
S T Jefferies	28	3	633	65	25.32
C Maynard	21	5	402	60*	25.12
C P Metson	17	5	300	96	25.00
R M Ellison	32	7	620	108	24.80
S Turner	13	5	197	59*	24.62
D S Steele	39	13	639	78*	24.57
G P Howarth	37	3	833	113	24.50
D B Pauline	18	1	367	88	24.46
M J Bamber	10	1	220	51	24.44
R C Russell	27	6	513	63	24.42
C Penn	15	2	317	115	24.38
D G Moir	28	6	534	107	24.27
L Potter	25	1	574	117	23.91
C R Andrew	18	1	405	101*	23.82
J R T Barclay	35	3	761	82	23.78
J G Wyatt	28	0	666	103	23.78
D A Thorne	16	3	306	69*	23.53
D R Pringle	35	7	658	96	23.50
A M E Roberts	12	4	188	89	23.50
C Lethbridge	17	3	324	46	23.14
C M Old	21	4	393	70	23.11
P B Clift	28	7	483	58	23.00
I J Gould	27	4	529	84	23.00
W W Davis	24	7	390	77	22.94
D P Hughes	32	1	707	113	22.80
I G Swallow	9	3	136	34*	22.66
M R Davis	14	6	178	60*	22.25
A Needham	30	1	644	70	22.20
A E Lea	18	0	395	119	21.94
D G Price	11	0	239	49	21.72
N A Felton	24	1	499	101	21.69
S B Hassan	27	4	499	103*	21.69
S N V Waterton	10	1	193	90	21.44
G W Johnson	38	5	726	84	21.35
K P Tomlins	18	1	363	103*	21.35
R J Finney	37	5	679	78	21.21
M R Chadwick	14	0	293	61	20.92
W R Bristowe	8	3	104	30*	20.80
S J Dennis	8	4	104	53*	20.80
D L Underwood	33	9	498	111	20.75
P H Edmonds	33	4	600	142	20.68
I S Anderson	23	1	454	79*	20.63
M A Feltham	15	5	206	44	20.60
E J Cunningham	11	3	162	61*	20.25
R W Taylor	22	7	303	46	20.20
E L Reifer	26	8	357	47	19.83
N E J Pocock	18	2	314	55	19.62
N Phillip	17	2	293	71	19.53
R A Pick	10	5	96	27*	19.20
N A Foster	27	8	356	54*	18.73
R G D Willis	8	5	56	22	18.66
D J Thomas	28	5	425	48*	18.47
J D Inchmore	24	8	295	34	18.43
S N Siddiq	12	0	219	52*	18.25
T M Tremlett	31	7	438	74	18.25
G Monkhouse	25	7	328	100*	18.22
G C Small	30	8	400	41*	18.18
N E Briers	37	3	616	71	18.11
A J T Miller	15	1	253	128*	18.07
D W Varey	14	1	235	61	18.07
M N Breddy	20	1	339	61	1784
G S le Roux	24	6	321	68*	17.83
K Saxelby	19	8	196	27	17.81
R J Parks	34	9	444	89	1776
K D Smith	40	1	692	93	1774
J E Emburey	35	2	561	57	1760
P Carrick	28	5	400	47*	1739
C J C Rowe	11	2	155	60*	1722
C S Dale	8	2	100	49	1666
A A Metcalfe	13	0	216	60	1661
G V Palmer	20	2	299	73*	1661
T A Cotterell	16	1	247	52	1646
B-J M Maher	11	2	146	66	1622
D A Graveney	40	13	430	33	15.92
N F Williams	21	3	285	44	1583
O H Mortensen	8	4	63	40*	1575
T M Alderman	27	13	220	52*	1571
P W Jarvis	14	4	157	37	1570
D Ripley	21	3	281	61	1561
P J W Allott	25	4	326	50*	1552
J G Franks	13	2	170	42*	1545
R J Maru	20	4	246	36	1537
S T Clarke	25	3	329	35	1495
J G Thomas	26	5	314	36*	1495
A P E Knott	22	2	295	43	1475
D A Banks	9	0	132	43	1466
E E Hemmings	24	7	248	35	1458
D E East	37	2	510	81	1457
A K Golding	13	0	189	44	14.53
M S A McEvoy	13	0	188	48	14.46
S C Booth	14	7	100	42	14.28
T Davies	35	7	398	43	14.21
S P Hughes	14	4	142	41*	14.20
P G Newman	21	2	269	40	14.15
Asif Din	9	2	99	35*	14.14
G Sharp	12	0	168	28	14.00
K A Hayes	16	1	209	37	13.93
A P Pridgeon	23	7	211	67	13.18
M R Cullinan	12	0	155	59	12.91
N G B Cook	30	9	256	44	12.19
J K Lever	22	7	182	37	12.13
G B Stevenson	16	1	180	27	12.00
C H Dredge	26	8	214	25*	11.88
S G Hinks	14	0	162	39	11.57
N G Cowans	25	1	269	66	11.20
M W W Selvey	18	8	111	20	11.10
T Gard	24	5	209	28	11.00
A J Pollock	9	0	97	32	10.77
S R Barwick	19	9	105	25	10.50
N A Mallender	30	5	261	33*	10.44
N Gifford	24	10	146	25*	10.42
I Folley	28	9	194	22*	10.21
R L Ollis	12	1	112	22	10.18

* Not out

Bowling

Qualification: 10 wickets in 10 innings

	Overs	Mdns	Runs	Wkts	Avge
R J Hadlee	772.2	248	1645	117	14.05
R A Harper	314.1	112	676	37	18.27
P J W Allott	604.5	166	1496	79	18.93
D L Underwood	676.4	250	1511	77	19.62
T M Tremlett	669.5	210	1444	71	20.33
A Sidebottom	488.1	105	1292	63	20.50
G S le Roux	604.2	154	1647	78	21.11
S T Clarke	651	165	1687	78	21.62
N G Cowans	493.1	76	1593	73	21.82
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D J Thomas	505.4	114	1654	60	27.56
W W Davis	547.5	117	1725	62	27.82
D R Pringle	580.1	127	1784	64	27.87
A M Ferreira	772.1	156	2208	79	27.94
L L McFarlane	272.5	45	875	31	28.22
J R T Barclay	417	117	1028	36	28.41
R J Finney	584	126	1770	62	28.54
G C Small	643.4	127	2027	71	28.54
J P Agnew	668.1	127	2413	84	28.72
C H Dredge	533	125	1534	53	28.94
C M Old	496	134	1306	45	29.02
R C Ontong	837.4	221	2155	74	29.12
S Turner	285	95	617	21	29.38
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The following took 10 wickets but bowled in fewer than 10 innings: [illegible]

CYCLING

Tour route should suit Kelly

From John Wilcockson
Paris

Although the 1984 season does not end until this weekend, the talk here yesterday was all about next year's Tour de France. At an overlong presentation not a stone's throw from the Champs Elysées, where the tour will again finish, Félix Levitan, the race director, *began his discourse with a quote* from Charles de Gaulle: "One can do nothing great without great men."

His analogy referred to Laurent *Fignon* and Bernard Hinault, the two French riders who finished first and second in this year's Tour, and who Levitan hopes will do battle again next year.

The 4,000-kilometre route which he presented is less demanding than this year's route, and it should suit men like Sean Kelly, who must have high hopes of victory following a fifth place this year on a far more mountainous route.

For the first time in nine years the Alps will be climbed before the Pyrenees as the race proceeds round France in a clockwise direction. Because of this the Alpine stages will be easier. The first will see a mountain-top finish on the not-too-severe climb to Avoriaz; the next is a stage through the Chautreuse *massif to Grenoble; and the last is a* partly uphill time-trial of 35 kilometres to the plateau of the Vercors.

There are only two stages in the Pyrenees, which should give Robert Millar the opportunity to gain a third stage win in these mountains, but should not be beyond the scope of Kelly.

The tour starts in Brittany on June 28, includes four time trials and one stage of cobbles in northern France, and finishes on July 21, with the traditional six circuits of the Champs Elysées.

HOCKEY

Nine of Britain's Olympic medal heroes in squad

By Sydney Friskin

Norman Hughes, of Yorkshire, has been selected to lead Great Britain in the international tournament at Willesden, where they are due to play Ireland on October 19, The Netherlands on October 20 and the Soviet Union on October 21.

Of the British squad of 16, Boxell, Clift, Craig, Faulkner, Lewis, Douglas Potter and Shaw were not in the bronze medal-winning Olympic side at Los Angeles. These seven players have been chosen in place of Westcott and Precious, who have retired from international hockey, Dodds, Batchelor and Cattrall, who are not available, and the Ulstermen Martin and McConnell, who are playing for Ireland.

McConnell and Martin are however available to the British squad if required for the Champions Trophy tournament in Karachi from December 7 to 14.

The Soviet Union will be making their first visit to this country. The Hockey Association confirmed in a telephone call yesterday that the Soviet team will definitely be coming. The call was made after the news that Soviet gymnasts will not be coming to Wembley after three North Korean gymnasts were refused entry to Britain yesterday.

BRITISH SQUAD (England unless stated): N Hughes (captain), P Barber, K Bhaura, P Boxall, R Clift, D Craig, J Duthie, D Faulkner, S Kerly, R Leman, M Lewis (Wales), V Pappin (Scotland), D Potter (Scotland), J Potter, J Shaw, I Taylor.

RACING

Don Giovanni's chance to complete quick treble

By Mandarin (Michael Phillips)

When Lord Howard de Walden sent Magic Flute, his Cheveley Park Stakes and Coronation Stakes winner, to be mated with the champion Canadian colt Dance in Time, himself a son of the world's most influential stallion, Northern Dancer, winning a handicap steeplechase over two miles at Cheltenham was probably farthest from his mind.

Yet such are the unpredictable twists of racing and breeding, that is precisely what he will probably achieve there today with the result of that pairing, Don Giovanni, in the Nailsworthy Handicap Chase, a race which his trainer, Fred Winter, and jockey, John Francome, also won 12 months ago.

With 25 mares, 17 foals, 14 yearlings and 28 horses in training, besides shares in many of the top stallions, the Howard de Walden breeding operation is very much geared to the upper end of the Flat racing market.

But their owner has been in the game long enough to smile and take a philosophical attitude when one of his high-powered matings does not quite have the envisaged results. It was the same story with that high-class jumper Lanzarote, who won the Champion Hurdle in his heyday, and it is the same with Don Giovanni being too sharp for David Nicholson's runner, Rouspeter, who has not run this season.

Dennis Auburn, carrying the colours made immortal by Arkle, could be a big danger to my nap if he gets his act together. He was not the safest of jumpers last season when he fell or unseated his rider in two of his last three races. Yet he still managed to win another at Ludlow by 20 lengths and he will be the sharper for his effort on the same course last Thursday.

Half-Free, a stable companion of Don Giovanni in Upper Lambourn, would have a good chance of winning the Churchdown Handicap Chase at his best. After all, he did win the Mildmay of Flete Challenge Cup over today's course and distance during the National Hunt Festival last March.

But if, after a summer's rest, Half-Free is a shade rusty, he may not be able to cope with either Gambling Prince or Foggy Buoy, who should be as hard as nails following three races this autumn. Gambling Prince, who beat Foggy Buoy by a length at Stratford in September, and then won again at Warwick, is just preferred.

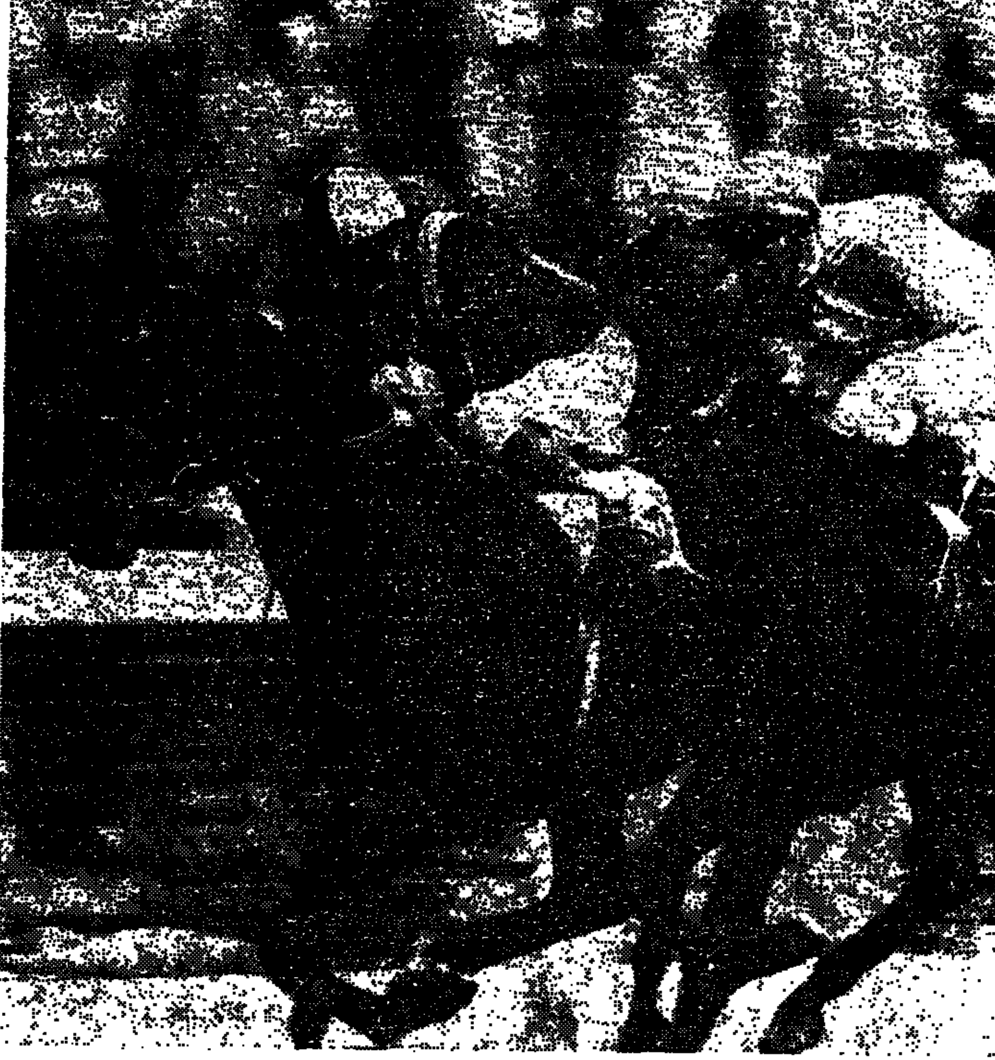
Reg Hollinshead, who has a good chance of winning the Frenchie Nicholson Conditional Jockeys Handicap Hurdle with the recent Ludlow winner Alfie Dickens, also saddles the promising young hurdler, Mariner's Dream for the Rodborough Three-Year-Old Hurdle. But here I prefer Stan Mellor's newcomer, Whisky Eyes.

While the Queen is doubtless enjoying her private visit to the marvellous Blue Grass country of Kentucky, news should filter back from York that her colours have been carried to victory in the BBC Radio Humberside Stakes by Rough Stones, who finished third in the Autumn Cup at Newbury recently. Willie Carson, his rider, can also win the BBC Radio York Handicap on Crampon, who ran well in the Llinos at Ascot last month and I will not be surprised if Carson also collects on Numcheck

Noddy's Ryde put down

Noddy's Ryde, one of last season's chasing discoveries, had to be destroyed at Devon and Exeter yesterday. Gordon Richard's gelding fell when well clear at the final fence of the Plymouth Gin Gold Challenge Cup and shattered a fetlock.

Neale Doughty, the horse's regular partner, was so distressed that he had to be helped back to the weighing room. Richards said: "This is a terrible tragedy. This horse had a tremendous future. He was the best I have had since Sea Pigeon."

Avec Coeur, and George Dickie, cut Stubble down to size when landing the Brighthelmstone Nursery on the Sussex course yesterday (Photograph: Chris Cole)

YORK

GOING: good
Draw: low numbers best
Tote double: 3.10, 4.15. Treble: 2.35, 3.40, 4.45.

2.5 BBC RADIO SHEFFIELD STAKES (2-y-o: £3,628: 1m) (10 runners)

2 BOOMING (F Salman) P Cole 9-0 ...... T Quinn 7
3 202 CHRISTIAN SCHAD (C St. George) B Hanbury 9-0 ...... Pat Eddery 4
4 0 COMMANDING GENERAL (K Fischer) M Jarvis 9-0 ...... B Raymond 3
6 0 DON RUNI (K Spindler) D Morley 9-0 ...... R Cochrane 5
7 02 DOUBLE BENZ (T Bennett) M H Easterby 9-0 ...... M Birch 9
9 03300 DREAM MERCHANT (B) (R Richards) C Brittain 9-0 ...... T Ives 2
10 2 GREETLAND DANCER (J Wilkins) S Wiles 9-0 ...... D Nicholls 6
11 020 HAZARISTAN (BF) (Aga Khan) R Johnson Houghton 9-0 ...... S Cauthen 10
12 0 RED ENSIGN (R Macgregor) Hbt Jones 9-0 ...... W Carson 8
15 30 GRAND OCCASION (J Greetham) G Pritchard-Gordon 8-11 ...... G Duffield 1

1983: Corinth 9-0 Pat Eddery (15-8 fav) I Balding 12 ran.

7-4 Booming, 100-30 Christian Schad, 9-2 Double Benz, 6 Greetland Dancer, 10 Commanding General, 12 Grand Occasion, 16 others.

FORM: CHRISTIAN SCHAD (8-11) caught close home and beaten a neck by Dubai Tornado (8-11) at Brighton (7f, £2,034, good to soft, Oct 3, 14 ran). COMMANDING GENERAL (8-7) prominent for 5f when 19l 6th of 7 to Waafi (8-7) at York (7f, £7,674, good, Sep 5). DOUBLE BENZ (9-0) 2½l 2nd to Lightning Dealer (9-0) at Ayr with DREAM MERCHANT (9-0) 7l away 5th (6f, £3,158, good to soft, Sep 19, 9 ran). GREETLAND DANCER (9-0) short head 2nd to Final Step at Redcar (6f, £1,579, good, Sep 28, 20 ran). HAZARISTAN (9-0) out of first 10 to Koffi (9-0) at Newmarket (7f); previously (9-0) ½l 2nd to Kublai (9-0) at Newmarket (7f, £3,281, good, Aug 10, 13 ran).
Selection: GREETLAND DANCER.

York selections

By Mandarin
2.5 Commanding General. 2.35 Crampon. 3.10 Saint Crespin Bay. 3.40 Duck Flight. 4.15 Numchuek. 4.45 Rough Stones.

By Our Newmarket Correspondent
2.5 Christian Schad. 2.35 My Tootsie. 3.10 Quaver. 3.40 Mattye Lee. 4.15 More My Scent. 4.45 Vaguely Sharp.

By Michael Seely
2.35 Florida Son. 3.10 Quaver. 4.15 STAR FORMATION (nap).

2.35 BBC RADIO YORK HANDICAP (£2,847: 1m 2f 110yd) (11)

1 401-003 CRAMPON (Ld Derby) W Hern 3-9-10 ...... W Carson 6
3 010310 TOPHAMS TAVERNS (C) (R Topham) T Fairhurst 3-8-6 ...... R P Elliott 10
5 33300 FLORIDA SON (R Ogden) J Hanson 5-8-3 11
6 0-04101 PICHINCHA (Mrs J Mullion) R Armstrong 3-8-10 ...... B Raymond 7
9 040401 MY TOOTSIE (D Fisher) M Ryan 3-8-9 (5 ex) ...... P Robinson 3
11 413331 TOCKALA (Mrs N Napier) E Weymes 3-8-6 (8 ex) ...... K Hodgson 5
13 410220 STAR OF IRELAND (H Pink) S Mellor 4-8-3 ...... M Wigham 2
15 102020 QUICKSTEP (B) (M Simmonds) C Brittain 3-7-13 ...... J Lowe 8
18 440020 SWISS FRANC SWEETY (A Smith) M W Easterby 3-7-7 ...... R Hills 1
21 000340 BURBRIDGE DANCER (Burbridge Sports) P Felgate 3-7-7 ...... J Quinn 7 9
22 000310- BARDORO (R Vardy) J Mulhall 5-7-7 ...... T Williams 3 4

1983: Gillie's Prince 4-8-0 A Mackay (14-1) K Stone 10 ran.

3 Tockala, 7-2 Star Of Ireland, 4 Crampon, 13-2 Pichincha, 8 Florida Son, 10 My Tootsie,

FORM: CRAMPON (9-6) 2½l 3rd to Llinos (8-13) at Ascot (1m 2f, £8,194, good to firm, Sep 28, 7 ran). TOPHAMS TAVERNS (10-0) 10½l 6th of 8 to Hockola (7-13) at Thirsk (1m 4f) in June; earlier (9-3) 2½l 3rd to Dorset Venture (8-6) at Doncaster (8f, £5,120, good to firm, May 7, 11 ran). FLORIDA SON (9-7) 2½l 6th to Windpipe (9-0) at Ayr (8f); earlier (9-4) 2l 3rd to Miramar Reef (9-5) at Redcar (1m 2f, £11,431), good, May 28, 13 ran). TOCKALA (8-4) beat QUICKSTEP (8-5) by 1½l at Ayr (1m 2f, £5,057, soft, Sep 21, 11 ran). STAR OF IRELAND (8-5) 3½l 6th to Sarah's Venture (7-13) at Goodwood (1m 4f, £2,918, good to soft, Oct 2, 10 ran). SWISS FRANC SWEETY, whose saddle slipped last time, was earlier (9-3) 2l 3rd to Sindos (8-2) at Ripon (1m 2f, £2,015, good to firm, Aug 27, 11 ran)
Selection: FLORIDA SON.

3.10 BARCLAYS UNICORN GROUP TROPHY (handicap: £3,973: 5f) (11)

2 448-400 OUR DYNASTY (D) (B Hobson) M Lambert 3-9-8 ...... P Cook 7
3 034004 ARDROX LAD (CD) (Sheikh Hazza Al Nahayan) M Blanshard 4-9-6 ...... N Adams 5 9
4 133200 CREE BAY (D) (D Spencer) J Spearing 5-9-5 ...... W Carson 8
5 212003 AMIGO LOCO (B) (D) (J Li) K Brassey 3-9-5 ...... R Hills 6
6 020220 RAMBLING RIVER (B) (D) (Miss G Richardson) W A Stephenson 7-9-5 ...... J Lowe 5
7 1-10320 NEW EXPRESS (D) (Rashed Al Armali) G Huffer 5-9-5 ...... M Rimmer 10
8 220211 KAREN'S STAR (D) (J Chapman) D Chapman 7-9-3 (7 ex) ...... S P Griffiths 5 4
9 010142 QUAVER (D) (BF) (Ld Fairhaven) B Hobbs 3-8-11 ...... G Baxter 3
10 004142 SAINT CRESPIN BAY (B) (D) (P Davies) R Hannon 5-8-11 ...... Pat Eddery 11
12 412321 CONRARA (D) (D Brotherton) M H Easterby 3-8-9 (7 ex) ...... M Birch 2
14 320320 RUSSIAN WINTER (B) (CD) (BF) (Calmac Engineering) A W Jones 9-7-10 ...... T Williams 3 1

1983: Rambling River 6-9-7 J Lowe (11-1) W A Stephenson 14 ran.

7-2 Karen's Star, 4 Rambling River, 9-2 Cree Bay, 5 Saint Crespin Bay, 6 Ardrox Lad,

FORM: OUR DYNASTY (8-8) out of first 8 to Lovers Bid (7-10) at Newmarket; previously (8-4) 4½l 5th to Lak Lucire (7-12) at Haydock (5f, £3,459, good to soft, Apr 4, 8 ran). ARDROX LAD (8-4) 2½l 4th of 10 to Young Inca (7-7) at Ascot (5f, £8,064, good to firm, Sept 28). CREE BAY (8-12) 2l 5th to Pully's Brother (9-7) at Haydock with RAMBLING RIVER (8-12) out of first 11 (5f, £9,637, good, Oct 6, 21 ran). KAREN'S STAR (9-6) bt RAMBLING RIVER (9-10) by short-head at Redcar (5f, £2,834, good, Sept 29, 14 ran). QUAVER (9-3) short-head 2nd to Sound Of The Sea (8-10) with Amigo Loco (9-10) short-head away 3rd (Sandown, 5f, £3,317, good, Sept 26, 17 ran). CONRARA (9-13) bt Glossak (8-8) by head at Redcar (5f, £2,257, good, Sept 28, 13 ran).
Selection: OUR DYNASTY.



3.40 BBC RADIO CLEVELAND SELLING STAKES (2-y-o: £3,212: 6f) (23)

2 210002 DUCK FLIGHT (R Dunedon) J Douglas-Home 9-3 ...... S Cauthen 10
4 020001 LEAN STREAK (B) (D) (I Hitchmough) R Simpson 9-3 ...... S Whitworth 5 23
5 220040 POKEY (M W Easterby) M W Easterby 9-3 ...... M Hindley 5 12
6 000012 BREGA DIAMOND (B) (I Moorhouse) T Fairhurst 9-0 ...... C Coates 5 5
8 000130 LADY WILDE (D) (D O'Brien) R Hannon 9-0 ...... Pat Eddery 7
10 0030 ARDONALD (Mrs E Rhind) M W Easterby 8-11 ...... – 5
11 CRAIGS VENTURE (D Garraton) D Garraton 8-11 ...... S Perks 13
13 04000 FIRST LOT (B) (D Moragu) J W Watts 8-11 ...... T Ives 11
15 000 GOOD BREEZE (Tattersalls Ltd) P Rohan 8-11 ...... M Birch 4
18 NEKOT PRINCE (Mrs J Crofts) K Stone 8-11 ...... C Dwyer 6
19 004000 PARIS TRADER (G Shoulder) M W Easterby 8-11 ...... K Hodgson 14
20 20 RED DOLE BOY (B) (P Shorrock) R Stubbs 8-11 ...... D Nicholls 18
22 00 TUTBURY (G Adshead) W Wharton 8-11 ...... W Wharton 2
23 400400 ASK A QUESTION (BF) (J Bowley) T Barron 8-8 ...... W Carson 17
24 00 CAFFRE LILY (Lt-Col J Chandos-Pole) M Prescott 8-8 ...... G Duffield 22
25 302233 CHARMING VIEW (Mrs A Jones) Hbt Jones 8-8 ...... R Hills 9
28 0 DAME DECOY (N Bycroft) N Bycroft 8-8 ...... M Richardson 7 16
29 003 GOLDEN DISC (J Lenihan) M Camacho 8-8 ...... N Connorton 3
30 000300 HANNAH'S BIRTHDAY (C Kemp) C Wildman 8-8 ...... B Raymond 20
31 030 MATTYE LEE (Mrs J Ramos) W Guest 8-8 ...... E Guest 5 21
34 00 SELETER (H Roberts) M Camacho 8-8 ...... G Sexton 1
36 0 VINTAGE LADY (M Clews) R Whitaker 8-8 ...... J H Brown 5 15
37 00 WARTHILL LADY (N Brittain) D Plant 8-8 ...... B Coogan 19

1983: Fill The Jug 8-1 C Coates (13-2) T Fairhurst 18 ran.

4 Brega Diamond, 5 Duck Flight, 11-2 Lady Wilde, 7 Paris Trader, 8 Ask A Question,
FORM: DUCK FLIGHT (7-11) 3l 2nd to Mimiran (9-8) at Sandown (5f, £2,099, good, Sep 28, 8 ran). LEAN STREAK (8-11) ½l 2nd to Caernarvon Boy (9-2) at Haydock (6f, £1,450, good, Oct 6, 20 ran). POKEY (8-1) 5½l 6th to Limbo (9-7) at Redcar (7f, £2,284, good, Sep 28, 15 ran). BREGA DIAMOND (9-1) ½l 2nd to Descartes (8-11) at Redcar (7f, £1,207, good, Sep 28, 24 ran). ASK A QUESTION (8-4) 1½l 5th to Star Maestro (8-7) at Doncaster (6f, £4,073, good to soft, Sep 13, 23 ran). CAFFRE LILY (8-11) beaten over 12l by English Spring (8-11) at Beverley (6f, £933, good, Sep 26, 18 ran) CHARMING VIEW (8-8) 1½l 3rd to Stoneydale (9-2) at Beverley (5f, £1,375, good, Sep 27, 14 ran)
Selection: DUCK FLIGHT.

4.15 BBC RADIO LEEDS NURSERY HANDICAP (2-y-o: £2,826: 7f) (14)

2 2104 NUMCHUEK (USA) (D) (N Hunt) J Dunlop 9-7 ...... W Carson 1
3 0143 DUAL VENTURE (D) (A Souleby) Mrs L Peacock 8-12 ...... Pat Eddery 13
4 00104 MAIN STAR (D) (T Ware) T Fairhurst 8-2 ...... C Coates 5 4
5 111310 FAIRWAYS GIRL (D) (T Wilson) M W Easterby 8-0 ...... R Hills 10
6 010421 MORE MY SCENT (A Scott) H Thomson Jones 8-0 (7 ex) ...... R Lines 5 11
7 013 STAR FORMATION (D) (Shaikh Mohammed) H Cecil 7-13 ...... Paul Eddery 12
8 300332 ERNIE BILKO (B) (Mrs A Astaire) C Tinkler 7-9 ...... G Dickie 5 3
9 012 HOT GIRL (B) (Ld Leverhulme) R Johnson Houghton 7-9 ...... R Fox 6
10 033 ISCARIOT (P Nelson) G Hunter 7-8 ...... T Williams 3 14
11 220000 LORD SINCLAIR (B) (Sinclair Developments) M Lambert 7-7 ...... N Carlisle 5
12 04030 GRUMBLE (N Crefield) R Hannon 7-7 ...... J Lowe 8
13 040000 QUALITAIR BOY (B) (Qualitair Engineering) K Stone 7-7 ...... S Dawson 5 7
14 021110 FREE GO (D) (BF) (W Steele) M H Easterby 7-7 ...... L Charnock 2
18 001530 POKEY'S PET (D) (Mrs K Lockwood) W Haigh 7-7 ...... A Proud 9

1983: Great Western 9-7 W Carson (2-1 fav) J Dunlop 16 ran.

5-2 More My Scent, 100-30 Star Formation, 7-2 Numchuek, 6 Dual Venture, 8 Fairway's Girl, 10 Hot Girl, 16 others.

FORM: NUMCHUEK (9-4) 1½l 4th to Tom Boat (9-4) at Sandown (7f) £3,849, good to soft, Sep 26, 15 ran) DUAL VENTURE (9-7) had FAIRWAYS GIRL (7-1) 4l back in 7th when 1½l 3rd to Aristocrat Velvet (8-10) at Ayr (8f, £4,019, good to soft, Sep 20, 12 ran). MORE MY SCENT (8-3) won by 4l from Warren Row (8-0) at Nottingham (6f, £2,144, firm, Oct 2, 8 ran). STAR FORMATION (8-10) 1½l 3rd to Ever So (8-1) at Redcar (6f, £3,046, good, Sep 29, 13 ran). ERNIE BILKO (9-1) 1½l 2nd to Musical Maiden (8-11) at Yarmouth (7f, £2,155, good, Sep 19, 13 ran). HOT GIRL (9-8) 2l 3rd to Super Regal (9-2) at Epsom (6f, £3,758, good to soft, Jun 7, 8 ran). ISCARIOT (8-11) 1½l 3rd to Forest Green (8-11) at Windsor (6f, £884, good, Sep 10, 9 ran).
Selection: STAR FORMATION.

4.45 BBC RADIO HUMBERSIDE STAKES (3-y-o: £2,674: 1m 6f) (4)

2 2-21003 ROUGH STONES (B) (BF) (The Queen) W Hern 8-10 ...... W Carson 2
3 223224 TROPICAL WAY (B Coates) P Walwyn 8-10 ...... J Mercer 4
5 333104 FEN TIGER (Mrs J Sigg) R Hollinshead 8-7 ...... S Perks 1
10 0000 VAGUELY SHARP (W Hearn) R Armstrong 8-4 ...... Pat Eddery 3

1983: Valuable Witness 8-7 Pat Eddery (1-2 fav) J Tree 9 ran.

4-5 Rough Stones, 7-4 Tropical Way, 4 Fen Tiger, 14 Vaguely Sharp.

FORM: TROPICAL WAY (17-11) 7l 2nd to Rough Pearl (7-10) with ROUGH STONE (8-3) 3½l away 7th (Ascot, 1m 4f, £9,771, firm, Jun 21, 17 ran). TROPICAL WAY (8-12) 1½l 4th to Sarah's Venture (7-13) at Goodwood (1m 4f, £2,948, soft, Oct 2, 18 ran). ROUGH STONES (7-13) 6½l 3rd to First Bout (7-7) at Newbury (1m 5f, £9,684, good to soft, Sept 22, 13 ran). FEN TIGER (8-9) 11l 6th and last to Brake (9-0) at Doncaster (1m 4f, £3,000, good to soft, Sept 14). VAGUELY SHARP (8-11) 12l 5th of 12 to Luminate (9-3) at Beverley (1m 4f, £1,790, good, Sep 27).
Selection: TROPICAL WAY.

CHELTENHAM

GOING: firm.
Tote double: 3.20, 4.30. Treble: 2.45, 3.55, 5.0.

2.15 POSTLIP CHASE (£2,965: 3m) (7 runners)

1 /1210-2 ARCTIC BEAU (P Venn) J Thorne 6-11-7 ...... P Dever
2 321332 GAZAAN (R Townsend) W Kemp 6-11-7 ...... S Shilston
3 111132 GOOD TRADE (CD) (A Lester) R Perkins 9-11-7 ...... Dai Williams
7 0-30333 POOR EXCUSE (O Henley) O Henley 9-11-7 ...... B Powell
8 0/34- SLIPPER PRINCE (Maj D Wigan) J Gifford 6-11-7 ...... R Rowe
9 04-3210 TAKE FLIGHT (D Pardy) C Jackson 10-11-7 ...... J Bryan
11 422113 FIRST AWARD (Lt-Col W FitzGerald) P Duggins 6-11-2 ...... J Suthern

1983: Hy-Ko 7-11-7 P Barton (11-4) D Gandolfo 7 ran.

2 Arctic Beau, 100-30 Good Trade, 5 First Award, 6 Slippery Prince, 13-2 Gazaan, 12 Take Flight, 16 Poor Excuse.

Cheltenham selections

By Mandarin
2.15 Arctic Beau. 2.45 Skylander. 3.20 Gambling Prince. 3.55 Alfie Dickins. 4.30 DON GIOVANNI (nap). 5.0 Whiskey Eyes.

2.45 TEWKESBURY HANDICAP HURDLE (£2,236: 2m) (8)

3 23113f- MONZA (CD) (J Fenwick) P Cundell 6-11-7 J Francome ...... –
4 21011-3 SKYLANDER (D) (Maj-Gen Sir J d'Avigdor-Goldsmid) F Walwyn 5-11-3 ...... K Mooney
5 /8012-0 TAFFY JONES (D) (P Hayes) M McCormack 5-11-3 (8 ex) ...... P Barton
6 12/03-0 CLOUDWALKER (B) (D) (J Crisp) F Walwyn 8-11-1 ...... R Chapman 4
7 01221-0 DICK'S FOLLY (D) (H Thelwall-Jones) R Hodges 5-10-12 ...... S Earle 7
8 104p- KALAMONT (CD) (Mrs L Simpson) J Gifford 5-10-7 ...... R Rowe
9 6p0-220 FRANCISCUS (CD) (BF) (J Marshall) C Vernon Miller 7-10-3 ...... P Scudamore
10 10-4220 AMERICAN GIRL (D) (R Keen) H O'Neill 5-10-3 ...... M Hammond

1983: Monza 5-10-8 R Rowe (6-1) P Cundell 8 ran.

5-2 Taffy Jones, 100-30 Skylander, 5 Cloudwalker, 7 Kalamont, 9 Franciscus, 10 Monza, 12 Dick's Folly, 16 American Girl.

3.20 CHURCHDOWN HANDICAP CHASE (£3,733: 2m 4f) (6)

2 013134- HALF FREE (CD) (Shaikh Ali Abu Khamsin) F Winter 8-11-7 ...... R Linley
4 211-211 GAMBLING PRINCE (D) (Mrs G Jones) Mrs Jones 11-11-3 ...... J Burke
7 143-113 FOGGY BUOY (D) (Ld Ronaldshay) P Calver 10-10-5 ...... A Webber
8 404u1-4 WINTERLAND (D) (P Barber) J Thorne 8-10-2 ...... P Dever 4
9 001-210 CHOC NA CULLE (D) (BF) (T Keogh) J Gifford 7-10-2 ...... R Rowe
11 102211- SNOW BLESSED (D) (R Baker) Denys Smith 7-10-0 ...... C Grant

1983: St Alezan 8-10-0 P Scudamore (7-2) M Tate 8 ran.

3 Half Free, 100-30 Gambling Prince, 4 Foggy Buoy, 6 Winterland, 13-2 Snow Blessed, 7 Choc Na Culle.

3.55 FRENCHIE NICHOLSON CONDITIONAL JOCKEYS HANDICAP HURDLE (£1,337: 2m 4f) (6)

1 1p1240- HILL-STREET BLUES (D) (D Crates) J Fox 6-12-7 ...... N Hunter 5
4 00220-1 ALFIE DICKINS (Dickins Ltd) R Hollinshead 6-11-0 (5 ex) ...... D Carcary 5
11 10/00p- OUR FUN (M Tabor) J Gifford 7-10-5 ...... M Palmer 5
14 00202-0 GRUNDY GLOW (A Kaplan) Miss A King 4-10-5 ...... G Charles-Jones
15 123-01u KEITHSON (Mrs M Rimell) Mrs M Rimell 11-10-5 ...... L Hicks 5
16 001-120 NARSINH (BF) (E Sillis) J Jenkins 5-10-7 ...... D Morris 5

1983: Rusthall 10-11-7 R Chapman (4-1) F Walwyn 12 ran.

2 Alfie Dickins, 3 Hill-Street Blues, 4 Keithson, 13-2 Our Fun, 7 Narsinh, 10 Grundy Glow.

4.30 NAILSWORTH HANDICAP CHASE (£2,825: 2m) (6)

2 1124-11 DON GIOVANNI (D) (Ld H de Walden) F Winter 5-11-11 (7 ex) ...... J Francome
4 100411- ROUSPETER (D) (A Dennis) D Nicholson 7-11-7 ...... P Scudamore
5 p2u11-4 DENNIS AUBURN (D) (Anne Duchess of Westminster) R Francis 7-11-2 ...... R Crank
6 1131-02 FAIR BABU (S Burt) S Burt 10-10-12 ...... Mr L Kirby
7 12040-4 CHELSEA ISLAND (D) (W Taylor) W H Taylor 9-10-1 ...... J Burke
8 03-4310 BOYNE HILL (F Quick) R Hodges 8-10-0 ...... Peter Hobbs

1983: Young Dusky 7-11-7 J Francome (11-4) F Winter 7 ran.

Evens Don Giovanni, 100-30 Rouspeter, 5 Fair Babu, 8 Dennis Auburn, 14 Chelsea Island, 16 Boyne Hill.

5.0 RODBOROUGH THREE YRS OLD NOVICE HURDLE (£,788: 2m) (19)

1 1111 SHARP AND READY (D) (Elisha Holding) A Ingham 12-2 ...... Steve Knight
2 114 BEAT THE RETREAT (BF) (D Steele) J Jenkins 11-6 ...... J Francome
3 121 JUST BLAKE (D) (J Swift) B Swift 11-6 ...... R Campbell 4
4 1 MARINERS DREAM (D) (D Newton) R Hollinshead 11-1 ...... P Scudamore
5 ALEXANDRA PALACE (G Corboz) J Gifford 10-10 ...... R Rowe
6 2 ANYTHING ELSE (BF) (J Horgan) R Hannon 10-10 ...... B Reilly
7 BILLILOV (W Love) Denys Smith 10-10 ...... C Grant
13 0f DERINGA (R Ward) W G M Turner 10-10 ...... S Sharp
15 FREE BUCK (R Chuter) B Swift 10-10 ...... R Dunwoody
21 MISCHIEVOUS JACK (B Byford) J Scallan 10-10 ...... M Brennan
22 24 MORE TENDER (Guinea Grill Stakes) I Wardle 10-10 ...... K Mooney
23 0 MUSIC MY SON (B) (S Mellor) J M Bradley 10-10 ...... G Davies
24 0 NICKY'S KNIGHT (C A Bell) C A Bell 10-10 ...... P Delaney 7
28 0 RAFFLES TOWER (Mrs J Curson) J Scallan 10-10 ...... J McLaughlin
31 STERLING VIRTUE (E Stanford) B McMahon 10-10 ...... T Wall
32 STOCKSIGN (Mrs M Bevan) Mrs H Bevan 10-10 ...... C Smith
34 WHISKEY EYES (S Glass) S Mellor 10-10 ...... M Perrett
37 0 GRAFTON MANOR (A Cooper) J Bosley 10-5 ...... Mr M Bosley 7
38 MAYSPRING (Lady S Brooke) Lady S Brooke 10-5 ...... R Hyett

1983: Emlyn Princess 10-3 R Campbell (9-4 fav) B Swift 14 ran.

100-30 Anything Else, 4 Sharp And Ready, 9-2 Just Blake, 5 Beat The Retreat, 13-2 Mariners Dream, 7 Whiskey Eyes, 12 Alexandra Palace, 16 others.

Guest makes a winning move with Avec Coeur

Nelson Guest, who sold his Newmarket stables last week, has quickly found new premises – thanks to his nephew, the jockey Rae Guest. Nelson's yard was purchased by Terry Ramsden, owner of the Irish 1,000 Guineas winner Katies, and Alan Bailey will move in there at the end of next month. Now Guest, who originally expressed misgiving about staying in Newmarket, will remain in the town, in a yard owned by Rae Guest.

Nelson Guest said: "Originally Rae was going to lease the yard to Michael Albina, but he took another place in Newmarket. Rae told me about the deal falling through, so I told him it would be ideal for me. It has 17 boxes, and even better, I managed to knock him down on the rent."

Guest celebrated his move by landing the Brighthelmstone Nursery at Brighton yesteday with Avec Coeur (14-1), who followed up his recent 20-1 success at Leicester.

The trainer has only recently found the key to the colt. He said: "Early in the season I ran him in bandages and everything because he almost had legs going in all directions. But all he needs is time to find his stride instead of being bustled along. It's a case of sitting and suffering, but George Dickie, who won on him today does it perfectly." Patience paid of again, as Avec Coeur ran on well in the closing stages to beat Stubble by three-quarters of a length.

On a day when only one favourite obliged, punters' tribulations were summed up by Folly Hill. The James Bethel-trained four-year-old is the type of horse that sends bookmakers on winter cruises and drives backers to distraction.

Bethel said: "It's almost as though he knows what his price is himself. Every time he starts at short odds he seems to get beaten, yet here he is winning at 11-1. It was the same last season, when his two successes were both at big prices."

Brighton results

Going: soft

1.45 (6f) 1, BEACH BALL (P Waldron, 8-1); 2, Dramacon (B Rouse, 9-2); 3, Anne-Louise (A McGlone, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 4 fav Lookie Lookie, 5 Zamusal Star (4th), 8 Private Joy (5th), 10 Hard to Trace, 12 Atak, Delta Wind, 14 Stanwood Boy, 16 Mattir, 33 Delaware River, Donna's Boy, Vanishing Boy, Cindie Girl (6th), Just Blair. 16 ran. 4l, 2l, ¾l, 2l. G Pritchard-Gordon at Newmarket. TOTE: £11.20; £4.60, £1.50, £3.00. DF: £22.00. CSF: £46.63.

2.15 (1m 2f) 1, FOLLY HILL (J Matthias, 11-2); 2, Prince Rambore (R Fox, 10-1); 3, Dancing Barron (B Rouse, 13-2 fav). ALSO RAN: 9 Come On The Blues (8th), 10 Kaukas, 12 Carocrest (6th), Cumrew, Norfolk Flight, 14 Wild, Penny's Double, 16 Nabil, Oryx Minor, 25 Catcher In The Rye, Randolay Belle, Calisolon, Running Bull. 18 ran. NR: Tamertown Lad. 2l, 5l, 1l, ¾l, 1½l. J Bethell at Didcot. TOTE: £20.10; £4.50, £2.80, £8.10, £2.00. DF: £79.50. CSF: £106.03. Tricast: £1,940.98.

2.45 (1m) 1, AVEC COEUR (G Dickie, 14-1); 2, Stubble (M Miller, 8-1); 3, Golden Beau (B Rouse, 7-2). ALSO RAN: 9-4 fav Ulterior Motive, 8 King Cart, 11 Sea Farer Lake, 16 What A Line, 20 Revelle (5th), 25 The Howard, 33 Ninatash, Moss Empire, Fortune's Ring (4th), Superb Trooper, Real Guilt. 15 ran. ¾l, 5l, 2l, hd, 1½l. W Guest at Newmarket. TOTE: £23.80; £4.60, £4.40, £1.30. DF: £132.10. CSF: £113.45. Tricast: £2436.20.

3.15 (7f) 1, MANGO MAN (R Fox, 16-1); 2, Try Tiffany (A Clark, 33-1); 3, Harvest Princess (David Eddery, 14-1); 4, Nelson's Lady (J Salmon, 13-2). ALSO RAN: 11-2 fav Pour Moi, 13-2 Johnny Frenchman, 8 Country Prince, 9 Burgundy Star (6th), Mr Rochester (5th), 10 Star Revue, 11 Full Of Speed, 12 Miami Dancer, Rose d'Anjou, 33 Piccard, Teras Chariot, Madame de Coombe, Skiathos. 18 ran. 2½l, 1l, 2l, sh hd, 2l. Pat Mitchell at Polegate. TOTE: £17.50; £3.70, £5.70, £3.10, £2.20. DF: £150.10. CSF: £430.94. Tricast: £6,655.39.

3.45 (6f) 1, BRADDELLS (M Hills, 4-1); 2, Silent Treat (P Cook, 3-1 jt-fav); 3, Miss Aggro (A Bond, 5-1). ALSO RAN: 3 jt-fav Tip-Tap (4th), 12 Lunar Romance, Our Lord, Sardar, 14 Touch The Wind, Woomargama (5th), 33 Blair's Winnie, Sally's Smile (6th). 11 ran. Nk, sh hd, 2l, 6l, nk. J Hindley at Newmarket. TOTE: £8.30; £2.70, £1.10, £7.60. DF: £5.90. CSF: £17.11

4.15 (1m 4f) 1, RUFF'S LUCK (Mr A J Wilson, 7-4 fav); 2, Misty Halo (Mr R Hutchinson, 2-1); 3, Northern Trial (Mr A Kelleway, 100-30). ALSO RAN: 14 Cradle of Jazz, 33 Bitz Bombetl (5th), Meister, 66 Barzin, Crocbox (4th), 100 Rheinford, Keng Hill, King Vir (6th), Rising Sovereign, Sandicliffe Again, Epryana, Galvinia. 15 ran. 15l, 6l, ¾l, 10l, 7l. G Harwood at Pulborough. TOTE: £2.60; £1.60, £1.40, £1.70. DF: £3.10. CSF: £5.04.

Placepot: £116.30.

Newcastle

2.15 (5f) 1, TORQUEMADA (W R Swinburn 10-11 fav); 2, Pepeke (W Ryan 14-1); 3, Ringsider (G Starkey 9-2). ALSO RAN: 7-2 Cousin Cuthbert (6th), 14 Vickstown (4th), 20 Debris, Sales Talk, 25 Mr Kan (5th), Ocillion, 33 Stepped Seal, Marsillana, Red House Lady. 12 ran. ¾l, 4l, 2½l, 3l, ½l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £1.80; £1.10, £2.00, £1.40. DF: £12.20. CSF: £18.54. 1m 21.52s.

2.45 (1m 2f) 1, BRAVE WORDS (M Birch 14-1); 2, Fall of Dreams (M Beecroft 10-1); 3, Helen's Choice (S Webster 7-1); 4, Saada (R Hills 5-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 Jt Fava, Saxon Radio, Val's Pride (5th), 13-2 Fifty Quid Short, 12 Lochow Surprise Attack (8th), 16 Red Courier, 20 Brews, Minnie Fuller, King Shara, Broon's Lady, Get Wise, Royal Reflections. 16 ran. 5l, 1½l, ¾l, 1½l, neck. P Rohan at Malton. TOTE: £12.00; £2.80, £2.60, £2.00, £1.80. DF: Winner or second with any other horse £2.80. CSF: £142.81. Tricast: £970.91. 2m 19.86s.

3.15 (1m) 1, CAPTAIN VIGILANTE (T Ives, 16-1); 2, Smart Mart (N Connorton, 12-1); 3, Flodabay (M L Thomas, 4-1 fav); 4, Record Harvest (M Birch, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Van Deb, 8 Elarim, 9 Prince Reviewer (5th), Son Of Raja, 14 Bit Of A State (6th), 20 Coley, Highest Tender, Monticelli, Triad Treble, Wahed, 25 Zio Peppino, 33 Ferryboat, 50 Saintly Lady. 17 ran. NR: Sunapa's Owlet. 1½l, 2½l, sh hd, 2l, ¾l. J Etherington at Malton. TOTE: £45.20; £7.80, £2.40, £1.60, £2.60. DF: £138.80. CSF: £178.30. Tricast: £841.73. 1m 49.03s.

3.45 (2m) 1, MOODY GIRL (W Ryan, 8-1); 2, Merdon Monarch (R Cochrane, 11-8 fav); 3, Double Tum (W R Swinburn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 7 Kawkab (4th), 10 Old Alex, Royal Craftsman (6th), Home in Wyoming (5th), 14 Boldera, Sharp Song, 16 Basket Weave, Prime Stone, 20 Rossy For Sport, Half Asleep. 13 ran. ¾l, nk, hd, 3l, 12l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. TOTE: £7.10; £1.70, £1.50, £2.50. DF: £7.10. CSF: £21.19. Tricast: £95.67. 3m 47.18s.

4.15 (1m 1f) 1, BALLASAYLE LAD (W Ryan 16-1); 2, Baby Boy (A P O'Reilly 10-1); 3, Half Shaft (M Hindley 25-1). ALSO RAN: 5-4 fav Captain Becher (5th), 3 Reed Player (4th), 8 Kadesh, 16 Al Murtajaz, 20 Rarty, Star Event, Mount Wara Sahm, 25 Mark's Choice, Chessy Chez (6th), Cobby Castle, Edwest. 15 Ran. 2l, 1l, sh-hd, ¾l, 3l. R Hollinshead at Upper Longdon. TOTE: £27.50; £15.10, £1.70, £14.50. DF: £92.00. CSF: £168.52. 2min 05.96secs.

4.45 (1m) 1, SHAHDIZA (W R Swinburn 5-4 fav); 2 Killiney Bay (A Mackay 7-1); 3, Westray (G Starkey 2-1). ALSO RAN: 18 Bright Turn, Mazeltov Linda, 20 Lhasa, O'G Boy, Reef Point (4th), 25 Nathan Brittles, Queen of the Fair, Ravona, 33 Alcazaba, Frisky Hope, Mildale (6th), Mister Point (5th) Brunt Bay, Lady Firepower. NR: Grundy Lane. 17 Ran. 1½l, 4l, ¾l, 7l. M Stoute at Newmarket. TOTE: £2.60; £1.60, £1.70, £2.00. DF: £7.80. CSF: £12.43. 1min 50.31sec.

5.15 (6f) 1, DASTOUR (T Ives 2-1); 2, Owen's Pride (B Coogan 12-1); 3, Night Warrior (N Connorton (14-1). ALSO RAN: 15-8 fav No Credibility, 5 Foxy Dyke, 11 Absanne (6th), 33 Glen Glory, Hamiltonius, Mark Staney, Portal Dancer, Thirteenth Friday (4th), Ruby James (5th). 12 Ran. 3l, 2½l, 4l, 1l, 4l. W O'Gorman at Newmarket. TOTE: £3.70; £1.70, £2.40, £2.90. DF: £24.20. CSF: £23.79. 1min 21.85sec.

Wolverhampton

2.0 (1m 1f) 1, EIDER (W Carson, 2-1 fav); 2, Fire Flash (N Day, 12-1); 3, Rustling (J Reid, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Brilleaux, Peggy Carolin, 14 Legislator, 16 Flying Scarlet (6th), Cackle, Bettina Park, 20 Sea Trial, Star Flower (5th). 25 Wuggy (4th), 33 Arctic Girl, Green Jinks, Highly Placed, Miss Morley, Mount Ephraim, Night Fox, Squeaks Code. 19 ran. NR: Fosse Hollow. 3l, 3l, 5l, 3l, 2l. W Hern at West Ilsley. TOTE: £2.30; £1.10, £3.70, £1.90. DF: £8.70. CSF: £24.40.

2.30 (1m 4f) 1, HIGH REEF (W Carson, 5-1); 2, Maramore (T Taylor, 33-1). 3, I Appeal (Pat Eddery, 4-1 fav). ALSO RAN: 5 Bombard (6th), 6 Most Over, Pandia, 10 Bellekino, Umpland Goose (4th). 12 Whirlabout, 14 Green Gypsy, 20 Ab Dabh (5th). 33 Ozinsky, Hardwick Amber, Shiner's Pal. 13 ran. Sh hd, 10l, 10l, 4l, 2l. Hbt Jones at Malton. TOTE: £7.50; £2.60, £15.00, £1.70. DF: £135.00. CSF: £151.38. After a stewards' inquiry, the result stood.

3.0 (5f) 1, MISS OCTAVIAN (G Baxter, 20-1); 2, Chase Paperchase (Pat Eddery, 5-1 jt fav); 3, Stevejan (M Fozard, 11-1); 4, Saba Saba (T Williams, 33-1). ALSO RAN: 5 jt-fav Abutala (6th), 7 Melodious Miss, 9 Taj Singh (5th), 11 Summer Salt, 12 Tarrakan, 14 Lady Deschamps, 16 Ale Water and Fremont Boy, 20 Dimant Blanche, 25 Alancar, Bobo, Miss Glitters, Turnaspeed, 33 Enchanted Lady, Ballyruff. 19 ran. NR: Fleur Rouge. 2½l, hd, sh hd, hd, ½l. P Makin at Marlborough. TOTE: £10.60; £1.80, £1.20, £3.70, £1.70. DF: £30.60. CSF: £113.53.

3.30 (5f) 1, CROSBY HILL (T Quinn, 14-1); 2, Curageous Buzby (S Perks, 4-1); 3, Shades of Blue (N Adams, 33-1); 4, St Terramar (T Williams, 20-1). ALSO RAN: 9-2 fav Wil George, 6 Doussard, 13-2 Celtic Bird (5th), 9 Fairgreen (6th), 10 Lady Cora, 14 B A Pundstretcher, Return to Me, 16 Swet Smile, Timinala, 33 Honours of War, Strath of Ochry, Heather Croft, Ridals Choice, H R Micro. 18 ran. NR: Elaine Ann, Royal Academy Arms. Hd, ½l, ½l, ½l, 1½l. K Brassey at Lambourn. TOTE: £14.00; £4.20, £1.20, £1.90, £1.60. DF: £222.40. CSF: £169.89. Tricast: £5,536.37.

4.0 (1m 2f) 1, LACE BANDANNA (Pat Eddery, 100-30); 2, Gundreda (S Perks, 7-1); 3, Hot Flush (T Quinn, 8-1). ALSO RAN: 5-2 fav Velvet Pigeon, 12 Hunza Water (5th), 14 Four Star Thrust (4th), 20 Eye Flasher, Lady Woodpecker (6th), 25 First Temptation, 33 Asinara, Beaulieu Belle, Jarsula, Parma Nova, Romana, Sweet Gossips. 15 ran. NR: Troy Moon. 1½l, 5l, 4l, hd, 3l. J Tree at Marlborough. TOTE: £3.10; £2.80, £2.20, £2.90. DF: £7.60. CSF: £23.56.

4.30 (7f) 1, VIRGIN ISLE (T Williams, 9-2); 2, Playlaz (W Carson, 7-2 fav); 3, Norfolk Realm (T Quinn, 25-1); 4, Thesplaw (G Baxter, 10-1). ALSO RAN: 8 Loch Pearl, 12 Bold Fort (5th), Pink Robber, 14 Caballeros, Spoilt For Choice, Wild Hope, 16 Bridge Street Lady, Single Hand, 20 Torrey (6th), Farhood, 25 Al Trui, Winter Words. 18 ran. NR: Chaplin's Club. 1l, hd, 3l, nk, 2½l. P Haslam at Newmarket. TOTE: £3.60; £1.80, £1.10, £3.90, £3.50. DF: £6.30. CSF: £20.29. Tricast: £327.57.

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2.0 (2m 1f chase) 1, Meldon Lady (L Bloomfield, 12-1); 2, Reeman (33-1); 3, Sutton Prince (9-11 fav). 4l 2½l. 15 ran. T Hallett. TOTE: £7.40; £2.50, £7.50, £1.20. DF: £118.20. CSF: £276.16.

2.30 1, Kelly's Boy (V McKevitt, 11-4 fav); 2, Polo Boy (9-2); 3, Bryma (8-1). 2½l, 8l. 17 ran. NR: Fuego Boy. N Gaselee. TOTE: £3.00; £1.30, £1.30, £2.10. DF: £5.50. CSF: £16.65.

3.0 (2m 1f chase) 1, Fifty Dollars More (R Linley, 9-4); 2, Bash Street Kid (20-1); 3, Miner's Song (12-1). Noddy's Ryde 1-2 fav. 10l, dist. 4 ran. F Winter. TOTE: £3.00. DF: £16.50. CSF: £20.42.

3.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, Hi High (A Griffiths, 11-8 fav); 2, B J Moon (5-1); 3, Chase The Clouds (5-2). 8l, 8l. 7 ran. B Palling. TOTE: £2.70; £1.30, £2.30. DF: £7.10. CSF: £8.70.

4.0 (3m 1f chase) 1, Pay Freeze (S May, 5-4 fav); 2, Cobley Express (5-1); 3, Highland Drake (5-1). 8l, 8l. 6 ran. S May. TOTE: £1.90; £1.10, £2.40. DF: £4.60. CSF: £7.24.

4.30 (2m 1f hdle) 1, County Player (J Bryan, 14-1); 2, Battyknowes (11-2); 3, Oui Monsieur (33-1); 4, A Tuneful Song (33-1). Hattarna, Kinyth, Sunset Wonder 4-1 jt favs. 6l, 12l. 17 ran. NR: Fiori Wonder. Mrs S Oliver. TOTE: £16.70; £2.10, £2.50, £8.70, £4.40. DF: £276.40. CSF: £90.88. Tricast: £2,305.48.

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All Along due to visit Blazing Saddles

All Along, the world's top prize-winning mare, will retire to Newmarket at the end of this year to be mated with the former Australian two-year-old champion, Blazing Saddles.

After Sunday's Arc de Triomphe, the winning owner, Daniel Wildenstein, decided to send not only All Along but also Plencia, dam of the dual Oaks winner Pawneese, to Blazing Saddles, who was described by Tommy Smith as "the best two-year-old I've ever trained."

Souren Vanian, owner of Derisley Wood Stud Farm, said in Paris yesterday: "Mr Wildenstein has chosen Blazing Saddles for his two best mares because of the horse's breeding, speed and toughness.

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TABLE TENNIS

England are in the mood to stretch Hungary

By a Special Correspondent

England have a chance of capitalizing on the wonderful start to their European Superleague campaign with a second home match success against Hungary at Crook, County Durham tonight.

Poland were unexpectedly trounced 5 – 2 in last month's opening match and Desmond Douglas, national champion a record seven times, has started the season so well that there are hopes that a win against the former Superleague champions might also be within England's compass.

Only Douglas's best will be good enough, however, against the team which contains one of the all time greats, Tibor Klampar, a former world cup winner and a member of the famous Hungarian team that took the 1979 world title away from China.

TEAMS: England: Men: D Douglas, G Sandley, A Cooke, C Prean. Women: A Gordon, J Grundy. Hungary: Men: T Klampar, Z Kriston, J Takacs. Women: Z Olah, G Szabo.

TODAY'S FIXTURES

FOOTBALL

Milk Cup
Second round, second leg
First leg score in brackets
Aston Villa (3) v Scunthorpe (2)
Bradford City (1) v Newcastle (3)
Crystal Palace (1) v Sunderland (2) (7.45)
Derby (2) v Ipswich (4)
Everton (2) v Sheffield United (2)
Leeds (2) v Gillingham (1)
Norwich (3) v Preston NE (3)
Nottm Forrest (0) v Portsmouth (1)
Oxford United (1) v Blackburn (1)
West Bromwich A (0) v Wigan (0)

Scottish League Cup
Semi-final, second leg
First leg score in brackets
Dundee United (2) v Hearts (1)

NORTHERN PREMIER LEAGUE: Burton Albion v Goole; Oswestry v Macclesfield.
SOUTHERN LEAGUE: Bill Dellow Cup: First round: Addlestone and Weybridge v Hillingdon; Alvechurch v Stourbridge Cambridge City v Wellingborough; Dunstable v Woodford; Folkestone v Dover; Milton Keynes v Banbury; Rushden v King's Lynn; Shepshed v Leicester United; Sutton Coldfield v Oldbury; Welling v Fisher. Postponed: R S Southampton v Poole.
CENTRAL LEAGUE: Second division: Port Vale v Bolton (7.0); Sunderland v York; Wolverhampton v Burnley (7.0).
FOOTBALL COMBINATION: Bristol Rovers v Charlton (2.30); Fulham v Crystal Palace (2.0).
FA VASE: Preliminary round replay: Rushall v Coleshill (4.0).
MIDWEEK LEAGUE: Northampton v Brentford (2.0).
CENTENARY MATCH: Cambridgeshire FA v FA XI (at Cambridge United).

RUGBY UNION

CLUB MATCHES: Bridgend v Cardiff (7.15); Bristol v Metropolitan Police (7.15); Harlequins v Loughborough Students (at Stoop Memorial Ground, 5.0); Pontypool v Gloucester (7.0); Tredegar v Pontypridd (7.0).
REPRESENTATIVE MATCH: Havant v Combined Services (4.30).
WELSH UNIVERSITIES CHAMPIONSHIP: Swansea v UWIST (2.30).

OTHER SPORT

RUGBY LEAGUE: Lancashire Cup: Semi-final: St Helens v Leigh; Wigan v Salford.
BASKETBALL: Anglo-Scottish Cup: First round: Worthing Bears v Kingcraft Kingston (8.0); Bracknell Pirates v Walkers Crisps Leicester; Hemel and Watford Royals v Davenports Birmingham; Sunderland aastros v McEwan Tyneside (8.0); Doncaster Panthers v Calderdale Explorers (8.0). Korac Cup: First round, second leg: Den Helder v Crystal Palace Supersonics; Standard Liege v FSO Cars Warrington. Rochetti Cup Women First round, second leg: Walferdange v Delhatsu Crystal Palace.
HOCKEY: County match: Middlesex v Hertfordshire (at Willesden Stadium, 8.15).
GOLF: WPGA Irish Open (at Clandeboye GC, Newtownards).
TABLE TENNIS: England v Hungary (at Willington, Co Durham).
SPEEDWAY: British League: Poole v Oxford (7.45).
SNOOKER: Rothmans Grand Prix: Qualifying tournament (at Redwood Lodge, Bristol).

GYMNASTICS

Expulsion of North Koreans upsets links with USSR

By Sheila Beardall

Three young North Korean gymnasts, together with three adults, were flown out of Britain yesterday after being refused entry visas. Their expulsion has damaged Britain's sporting links with the Soviet Union, which has withdrawn its teams in protest from an international diving competition to be held in London this month.

Home office officials tried to justify their strong line with the North Koreans, stating it was not their policy to admit citizens of a state they did not recognize, particularly those representing that country. But North Korean teams have been admitted in the past, notably their footballers, who took part in the 1966 World Cup in England.

The gymnasts, aged 16, accompanied by their manager, coach and pianist, arrived at Heathrow airport without visas, despite warnings that they would not be let in. They had been invited to compete at a modern rhythmic gymnastics display at Wembley on Saturday. Immigration officials detained them for several hours. They were allowed to stay in an airport hotel before their flight back to Bulgaria yesterday.

A Home Office spokesman said: "They were told they would not be admitted some weeks ago, but they still turned up. Clearly they were under an illusion that they were not likely to be admitted." He added that the Home office was looking into the waiving of its policy on previous occasions.

Kim Hi Gun, the team manager, said the gymnasts had been invited to take part by the British Amateur Gymnastics Association and they had accepted. "It is a long way from Korea and we are all very tired after the journey. This is to do with sport not politics and we hope it can be sorted out".

Divers from the Soviet Union, Bulgaria, East Germany and Czechoslovakia have sent telegrams to the organizers of a diving event at Crystal Palace on October 21, stating that "due to unforeseen circumstances" they would not be attending.

Tony Murdock, development director of the BAGA, which invited the gymnasts, claimed the Home Office had promised that entry visas would be available for them. "Up until last Friday the Home Office have us every encouragement and the North Koreans were told to pick up the visas in Moscow. If it is now saying something different then it is a liar."

● Peter Aykroyd writes: While the expulsion yesterday of the three young North Korean gymnasts has detracted from the Silentnight Beds International at Wembley on Saturday no other forthcoming gymnastic event in Britain involving Eastern block countries should be affected.

In three weeks' time, a troupe of world-class Soviet gymnasts will present their annual display at Wembley, sponsored by the *Daily Mirror*. The event is one which not only has taken place over the last 11 years but also has been an important source of revenue for the Soviet Gymnastic Federation. Any doubts that the Russians would cancel their Wembley performances as a result of the North Korean episode were dispelled yesterday when the BAGA received confirmation of the team members expected.

OLYMPIC GAMES

Alternatives to Seoul

Rome (Reuter) – Franco Carraro, the head of the Italian Olympic Committee, was quoted here today as saying support was growing for the idea of moving the 1988 Games from Seoul to another site to avoid boycotts. Several people at a meeting of European Olympic committees in Rome had privately expressed fears that there might be politically inspired boycotts if the Games were held in the South Korean capital, he said.

"There are quite a lot of murmurings that it would be better to shift the Seoul Games to 1992, finding another solution for 1988." Carrarro said in a daily newspaper. "By 1992 the world picture may have changed." Paris and Barcelona have been suggested as alternative venues.

Monique Berlioux, director of the International Olympic Committee, rejected the idea. "The IOC and its president have already replied - we cannot change the venue of the next Olympic Games," she said.

TENNIS

Wembley's fine entry

John McEnroe and Ivan Lendl are likely to be the finalists in next month's Benson and Hedges championships. They are among the confirmed entries announced yesterday for the event which will be staged at Wembley arena from November 6-11.

Twenty-three of the first 38 players in the world rankings have gained dirct acceptance, including John Lloyd, of Britain, the number 30, who reached the quarter-finals of this year's US Open. But Jimmy Connors has not yet confirmed his entry. Connors's wife is expecting their second child early in December, and it is understood that he is reluctant to move far away from home. Nevertheless, the tournament director, Len Owen, has agreed to hold a wild card for Connors should he decide to come.

Seven of the first 10 players in the world will play, and the entry also includes the three Swedes, Anders Jarryd (No 6) Henrik Sundstrom (No 8) and Stefan Edberg (No 21) who are in line to play against America in the Davis Cup final

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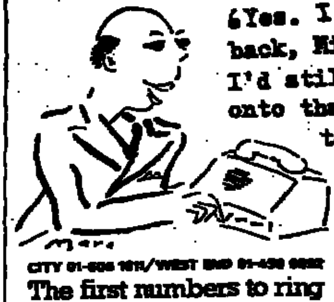
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British still best customers for the Costa mongers

By Diana Wildman

Property developers along Spain's Costa del Sol are still promoting and selling to a predominately British market. The frenetic pruchasing of the past four years dropped during the spring and summer months but there is now a market of UK buyers wanting a property in the sun.

For some inexplicable reason the majority of UK purchasers forgo the services of a solicitor. There are few problems but it must be considered an extremely short-sighted move, especially as the costs involved are only a few hundred pounds.

That is a small price to pay for advice that. for example, ensures that there is no outstanding mortgage on the property.

The 4 000 acre Sotogrande estate, established 20 years ago, has managed to stay removed from the building activity affecting so much of the Costa del Sol. One reason is that it is at the far western end of the coast, just 20 minutes from Gibralter but almost a two-hour drive from Malaga, whilst Marbella is 45 minutes from the airport.

Sotogrande facilities include two championship golf courses, two polo fields, a tennis complex, riding stables, beach club, international school and its own estate office.

There is a small selection of large, individually-designed 15-year-old villas for sale. One is Los Arcos, for which Christopher Stephenson International wants offers in the region of $1.5 million.

This Moorish-style house, set in secluded gardens with a large pool, has five main bedroom suites and four large reception rooms. Details are available from Christopher Stevenson, The White House, East Garston, Newbury, Berkshire RG16 7EY, tel: 048839 654.

Spec building

However, speculative building has crept into a corner of this vast estate. This is Sotogolf, being built near the entrance to the Sotogrande estate above the old golf course, which will consist of 90 three-and four-bedroom traditionally-styled town houses grouped around swimming pools and tennis courts.

Sixteen houses are ready for occupation at prices ranging from £62,000 to £68,000, but the leisure facilities will not be ready till January.

Fincasol, of 4 Bridge Street, Salisbury, SP12LX (0722 26444), are the agents for Sotogolf and for Puerto Sotogrande, a five-year-old development of beach-side apartments and riverbank town houses set within the main Sotogrande estate.

Out of the 378 Puerto Sotogrande units completed in the seven low-rise blocks, 329 are sold, so are three apartments out of 24. Seven of the 12 penthouses have been sold from plan with construction not due to start till later this year for completion in autumn 1985.

Launching prices range from £42,337 for a one-bedroom apartment to £232,558 for a four-bedroom penthouse with private pool and terraces with all-round views.

Puerto Sotogrande has its own beach club and facilities which include a 24 hour security patrol service. It also has the greatest commodity of all at its disposal – space, because its distance from the jet-set activities at Marbella means land values are lower.

Detailed planning permission has already been granted for a 1,500-berth marina.

The internationally-renowned marina at Puerto Banus, just outside Marbella, offers a total contrast in holiday living to the leisure facilities of Sotogrande.

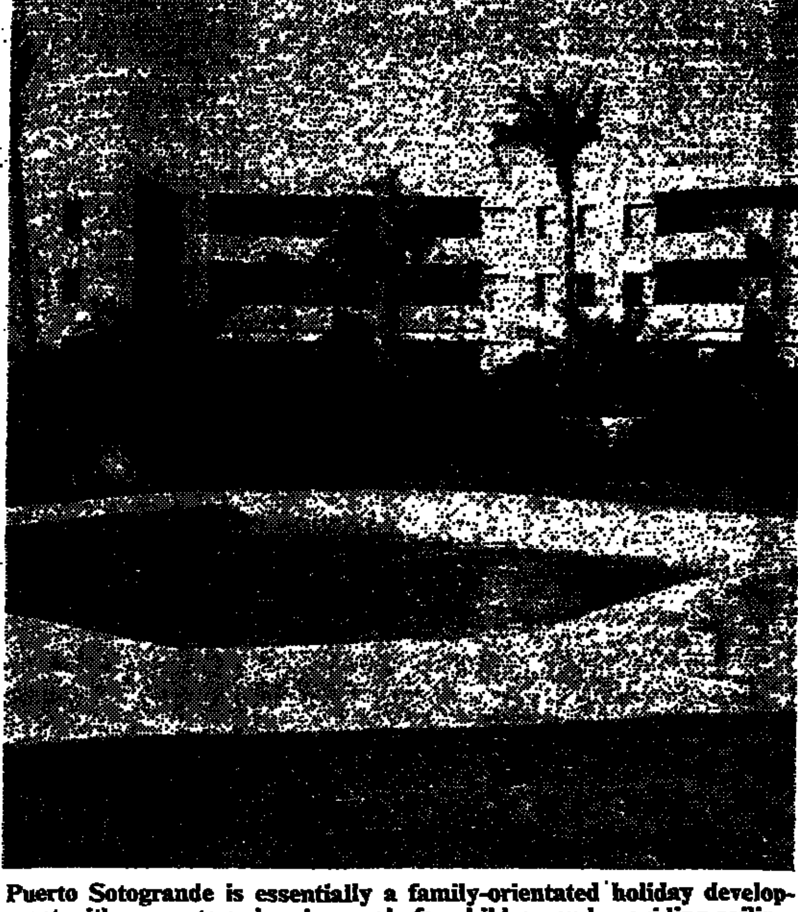
Jardines del Puerto, which is under construction behind Puerto Banus, is being built in the same traditional Andalucian whitewashed pueblo-style architecture. The first of 33 one, two- and three-bedroom luxury apartments, out of 180, is due for completion in next summer and is being marketed between £40,800 and £99,600.

Jardines del Puerto will be well-landscaped; essential because of the proximity to the Puerto Banas access road. Its leisure complex includes swimming pools, tennis and squash courts and an indoor recreation area with sauna, jacuzzi and gymnasium.

Every apartment has underground garaging and the grounds will be covered by 24 security. Details from Euro Property Advisers in association with Winkworth, 27a New Street, Salisbury SP1 2PH (2722 330847).

An exhibition featuring Jardines del Puerto and other Costa del Sol properties is being held tomorrow and Friday at London's Cafe Royal, Regent Street, from 11-8.

A wide selection of good-quality individual re-sale villas – slightly inland in the foothills of the Sierra Blanca behind and above Marbella – are available from £15,000 through Sturgis International, 61 Park Lane, London, W1Y 3 TB (493 1693).



Puerto Sotogrande is essentially a family-orientated holiday development with separate swimming pools for children and providing sailing, tennis and windsurfing.



RESIDENTIAL PROPERTY

Luxury Flats where Jack was all right

The former country home of J B Priestley on the Isle of Wight has been converted into six luxury flats, four of which are for sale through Sir Francis Pittis and Son of Newport (Newport 523812).

Brook Hill House was completed in 1914 entirely of Caen Stone to the orders of the first Lord Mottistone, in whose family the house remained until 1946 when Priestley acquired it. The house is in woodland above the hamlet of Brook less than three miles from Freshwater, and overlooks the Channel.

The four two-bedroom flats, with 999 year leases, range from £82,000 to £103,500.

A two bedroom town house in Bury Walk, Chelsea, owned by Celia Sandys, granddaughter of Sir Winston Churchill, is offered at £350,000 through W A Ellis and Russell Simpson, joint agents. The three-floored property includes a self-contained basement flat.

£850,000 whirl

Nearly 200 apartments in Lowndes Square, Belgravia, until now available on seven year leases, are now to be offered on 75 years leases by Sun Life Assurances Society, who are selling eight refurbished flats through Allsop and Co and Farebrother.

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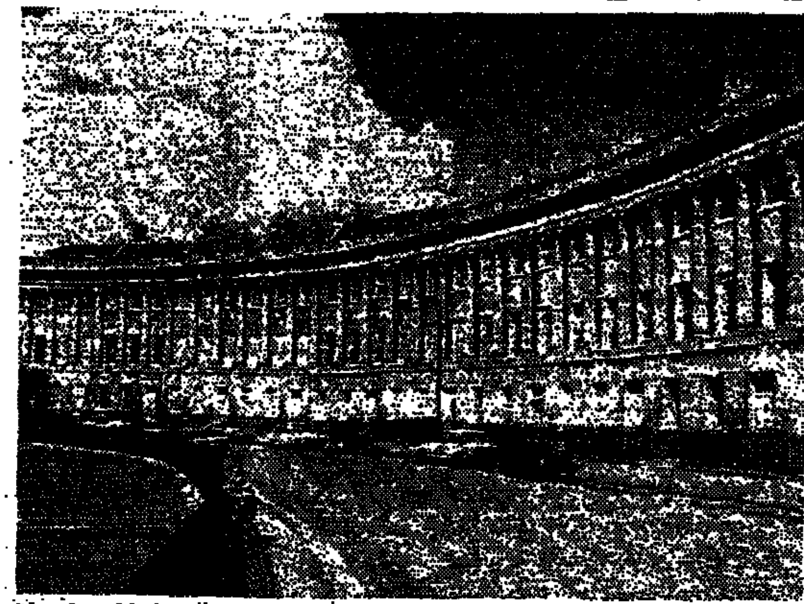
All have fully fitted kitchens and marble tiled bathrooms, many with whirlpool baths.

Barrett houses are usually at the lower end of the market, but one has been sold close to the asking price of £680,000 on The Grange development on the edge of Hampstead Heath. The property, sold through Westside Estates to a banker, was one of the first showhouses in the 23 house development and this is the first resale.

Tower power

A country house at Leeds, near Maidstone, Kent - built for a German Methodist minister – who incorporated a tower so that he could watch his farm staff at works - is for sale at around £200,000 through Cobbs' offices at Bearsted and Sevenoaks.

Yew Dene built for Wilhelm Kruss in 1886 in five acres includes three reception rooms, a master bedroom suite and five further bedrooms. The kitchen retains the original bread oven and a cast iron range and rear courtyard contains two original water pumps.



Number 22, Royal Crescent, Bath, a Grade I Georgian house which is one of the last on the splendid Crescent to have been maintained in its entirety and not split into flats, is for sale through Humberts' offices in London and Chippenham. More than £200,000 is wanted for the freehold of the house, built by John Wood Junior between 1767 and 1775, and retaining many original features, including the Bath stone floors to the entrance hall and pine boarded floors in the main rooms. Accommodation includes four reception rooms, eight bedrooms and four bathrooms. The house has a garden and garaging for six cars.

This is the ultimate – a real home from Holme

There are several people, it appears, who are not only willing but eager to spend more than £5m for a house in London. The Holme, in Regent's Park, is not just any house of course. Designed by Decimus Burton and completed in 1818, it is one of the few remaining "Nash" villas in the Park and has grounds of 4.5 acres running down to the lake.

The Holme was put on the market by the Crown Estate Commissioners in July, with the stipulation that the property, recently used as part of Bedford College, should revert to its former residential use as a single-family house.

Knight Frank and Rutley, who are handling the sale for the Commissioners, have now issued a "final announcement" about the property before taking it off the market by the end of October. It was always intended that the house should be on the market for a limited period and it is hoped that the sale will be completed by the end of the year.

Not surprisingly, for a house described as the "most important house in London to come on to the market since the war", the agents have received considerable interest and several offers to buy it. It has been made clear that no offers will be entertained until the end of the marketing period, after which the potential buyers must make their bids.

The would-be owners of The Holme come from both Britain and overseas, and the person who finally takes possession of this magnificent house has to be approved by the commissioners. While they want to get the best possible price, the highest bid will not necessarily be the winning bid, for they are determined that the new owner will be an "acceptable" person to live in such a property.

The house, which has 40 rooms, was in continuous private residential use from 1818 to 1939, owned between the wars by George Dance, the songwriter and impresario, who carried out alterations and additions, and then by Mrs Marshall Field. Since then, 40 years of institutional use have "ruined" it, in the words of Mr Peter Kearon, partner in Knight Frank and Rutley, and it now needs full renovation.

Once that is done, the owner will receive a new 60-year Crown lease, but he has yet another responsibility to open the garden and grounds to the public at least four times a year.

The only other comparable houses in London in the agents' view, are Buckingham Palace, Lambeth Palace, and Winfield House also in Regent's Park, the home of the US Ambassador, none of which is likely to come on to the market. As Mr Kearon said when the house was offered for sale, "We know of no other London house in the middle of the capital of that size and quality and we think you cannot find anything like it in any othe capital city – New York, Rome, Paris, or anywhere".

Christopher Warman

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WOODHOUSE. On Saturday, 6th October, 1984, Ethel May, of Remsenburg, Long Island, aged 99. Wife of the late Sir Pelham (P. G.) Woodhouse.

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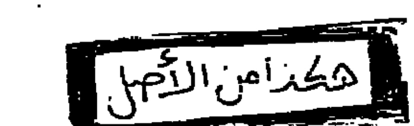
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BBC 1

6.00 Ceefax AM.
6.30 *Breakfast Time* with Frank Bough and Selina Scott. News from Fern Britton at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00 and 8.30 with headlines on the quarter hours and at 8.59: sport at 6.40 and 7.40; regional news, weather and traffic at 6.45, 7.15, 7.45 and 8.15: programme choice at 6.55; a review of the morning newspapers at 7.18 and 8.18. Plus Mike Smith with the new Top Twenty and Selina Scott's report from the Western Isles.
9.00 *Gharbar.* Today's edition of the magazine programme for Asian women is in the form of a multi-lingual mushaira – a poetry symposium.
9.25 *Conservative Party Conference 1984.* Coverage of the second day's debates. 10.30 Play School, presented by Iain Lauchlan (r).
10.50 *Conservative Party Conference 1984.*
12.30 *News After Noon* with Richard Whitmore and Frances Coverdale. The weather prospects come from Ian McCaskill. 12.57 Regional news (London and SE only: Financial report followed by news headlines with subtitles).
1.00 *Pebble Mill at One* includes another Chinese cookery lesson from Lisa Kinman. 1.45 Gran (r). 1.50 Stop-Go! (r).
2.00 *Village School.* The second of three programmes examining how a Cotswold primary was saved from closure by 'federation' with a bigger school.
2.30 *Conservative Party Conference 1984.* The afternoon's debates. 3.48 Regional news (not London).
3.50 *Play School,* presented by Wayne Jackman. 4.10 SuperTed in Texas. 4.15 Jackanory. Pam Ayres tells her own story, Bertha and the Racing Pigeon. 4.30 Screen Test. Round two of the cinematic recall quiz. 4.55 John Craven's Newsround.
5.00 *Think of a Number.* Johnny Ball with another lighthearted look at the worlds of science and number.
5.25 *The Good Life.* Money is running short for the self-sufficient Goods and Tom has the urge to earn some extra cash – but not to pay dreary old bills (r). 5.58 Weather.
6.00 *News* with Jeremy Paxman and Nicholas Witchell.
6.30 *London Plus.*
6.55 *Points of View.* Barry Took with another selection of viewers' letters panning or praising BBC Television programmes.
7.05 *Hotline.* A live 'phone-in personal column, presented by Chris Tarrant and Mary Parkinson.
8.00 *No Place Like Home.* Domestic comedy series starring William Gaunt and Patricia Garwood.
8.30 *Cold Warrior.* Secret-Service adventure starring Michael Denison as Captain Percival, determined to stop an assassination attempt on the Israeli foreign minister (Ceefax).
9.00 *News* with Julia Somerville.
9.25 *The Black Adder.* The final episode and the wicked Black Adder scours the land for the seven most evil men to help him in his quest for the throne of England. Starring Rowan Atkinson (r).
10.00 *Sportsnight* introduced by Harry Carpenter. There are profiles of England goalkeeper Peter Shilton and Irish boxer Barry McGuigan plus reports from tonight's Milk Cup football matches.
10.50 *Film: The Skull* (1965) starring Peter Cushing and Christopher Lee. Chiller about two men's decision to delve into the secrets of the skull of the Marquis de Sade. Directed by Freddie Francis.
12.10 *News headlines and weather.*

TV-am

6.25 *Good Morning Britain,* presented by Jayne Irving and Nick Owen. News with Gordon Honeycombe at 6.30, 7.00, 7.30, 8.00, 8.30 and 9.00; sport at 6.39 and 7.37; exercises at 6.46 and 9.20; Popeye cartoon at 7.22; David Essex pop video at 7.54; star romance at 8.15; Eve Pollard's gossip column at 8.34; Ronnie Carroll remembers at 8.43; Roddy Llewellyn's gardening hints at 9.06.

ITV/LONDON

9.25 *Thames news headlines.* 9.30 For Schools: Possible sources of energy. 9.47 Care of the land on which we grow our food. 10.04 Chemistry: Mechanism of Alkene Bromination. 10.21 Farrukh Dhondy's *A Passage to the East End.* 10.48 Changing forms on Spurn Head. 11.10 The work of a policeman. 11.22 How animals care for their young. 11.39 How we used to live.
12.00 *Rod, Jane and Freddy* with a musical story for the young. 12.10 Our Backyard. Sand, cement and gravel are delivered. What are they for? 12.30 The Sullivans.
1.00 *News at One* with Leonard Parkin. 1.20 Thames news. 1.30 A Country Practice. Medical drama set in the Australian outback.
2.30 *Farmhouse Kitchen.* Grace Mulligan and the preparation of fresh vegetables. 3.00 Take the High Road. Drama serial set on a Scottish highland estate. 3.25 Thames news headlines. 3.30 Sons and Daughters.
4.00 *Rod, Jane and Freddy.* A repeat of the programme shown at noon. 4.15 Towser. 4.20 Sam's Luck. Part three of the Australian series about a group of parentless children. 4.50 Hold Tight! Fun, games and music from reggae band Aswad. Presented by Bob Carolgees and Sue Robbie. 5.15 Blockbusters.
5.45 *News.* 6.00 Thames news with Andrew Gardner and Tina Jenkins.
6.25 *Help!* Viv Taylor Gee with details of the Black and in Care Conference, the first conference of its kind to be held in London.
6.35 *Crossroads.* Kevin Banks returns home from work with tragic news while Adam Chance has the tricky problem of who to sack from the garage.
7.00 *Name That Tune.* The first of a new series, presented by Lionel Blair, in which contestants have their musical knowledge tested.
7.30 *Coronation Street.* Ken Barlow has an argument with his wife over his friendship with Sally Waterman (Oracle).
8.00 *Benny Hill.* Comic sketches and songs. The last in the series of repeats.
8.30 *Fresh Fields.* The domestic comedy series ends with William and Hester becoming in-laws and in the process having to dash the length of the country (Oracle).
9.00 *Minder: Second Hand Pose.* The uneasy relationship between Arthur and Terry comes to an end when Terry is accidentally locked in a cold storage room. Terry seeks employment with the even shadier Charlie Pope (Oracle).
10.00 *News at Ten* followed by Thames news headlines.
10.30 *Midweek Sports Special.* Highlights from one of tonight's second round, second leg matches in the Milk Cup; plus boxing from Frank Warren's London promotion and an interview with Terry Venables.
12.00 *The Electric Theatre Show.* Part two of a profile of composer Vangelis.
12.25 *Night Thoughts* from Sister Jean Robinson.


Lillian Gish: Broken Blossoms (Channel 4, 9.00 pm)

BBC 2

9.00 Ceefax.
9.10 *Daytime on Two:* Technology used in modern industry. 9.38 Different types of paper. 10.00 You and me. For the very young. 10.15 Maths: rounding numbers up and down. 10.38 Maths: trigonometry. 11.00 Reconciling differences. 11.17 Music: vocal sounds. 11.39 Everyman's guide to lasers. 12.05 Russians and the Russian language.
12.30 Young people with ideas. 12.55 Inside the Youth Training Scheme. 1.21 Young French people. 1.38 The difference between dairy and beef farming. 2.00 Captain Cook reaches the Antarctic. 2.18 A rural community in drought striken north-east Brazil. 2.40 Water for the desert (Ceefax).
3.00 *Dallas.* Another episode from the last series of the soap-opera. This is the one where everybody becomes excited about the Oil Barons' Ball (r) (Ceefax).
3.45 *Conservative Party Conference 1984.*
5.30 *News summary with subtitles.*
5.35 *Inside Women's Magazines.* The second programme in the series tracing the evolution of women's magazines. The narrator is Maureen Lipman (r).
6.00 *I Can Jump Puddles.* Episode six of the drama based on the autobiographical novels of Australian Alan Marshall who was crippled with polio when young. Alan is now 19 and dreams of a literary career are quickly quashed (r).
6.50 *Harold Lloyd.* Excerpts from two of the comedian's films – the 1928 released Speedy in which he has an eventful day out on Coney Island and I Do (1921) which finds him holding the baby (r).
7.15 *The Rise and Fall of King Cotton.* Anthony Burton s series on the history of the cotton industry comes to an end with a review of the state of the industry today
7.45 *My Music.* Frank Muir and John Amis challenge Denis Norden and Ian Wallace to a lighthearted test of musical knowledge. The question setter and master is Steve Race (r).
8.10 *Chronicle Over Greece: Battle for the Acropolis.* A documentary about the battle to save the Acropolis from collapse. Atmospheric pollution and earlier, less expert, restoration has put the building in a state of near disintegration (r).
9.00 *Dear Ladies.* Hinge and Brackett enthusiastically throw themselves into preparations for the annual open-air production of A Midsummer Night's Dream.
9.30 *The Sea of Faith.* Part five of Don Cupitt's series on the reasons for today's crisis of religious faith (Ceefax).
10.20 *Jack High.* The first matches in Group B of the Gateway Masters Bowls Tournament.
10.50 *Newsnight.* End at 11.50.

CHOICE

●Evidence is not lacking tonight to confirm something about which I suspect many viewers will already be convinced: that silence, specifically when it involves the total absence of talk; is golden. At the more modest end of the scale, there are the comedy highlights in **HAROLD LLOYD** (BBC2, 6.50 pm), and the movie milestones, including our first glimpse of the screen's first Tarzan, Elmo Lincoln, in **SILENTS PLEASE** (Channel 4, 6.00 pm). But the night's silent highspot is undoubtedly the third of the four full-length films in the *Thames Silents* season: **BROKEN BLOSSOMS** (Channel 4, 9.00 pm). This is D W Griffith's 1919 movie starring Lillian Gish as the father-battered cockney girl on whom the sun, in the occidental shape of Richard Barthelmess as the oriental poet who fetches up as a shopkeeper in London's Limehouse, briefly but ecstatically shines. Miss Gish, in a specially filmed preamble to the film, spoils it for us by revealing what is more or less true: that everyone in the film ends up dead. But at least she balances this disservice by putting *Broken Blossoms* into its historical perspective with her reminder (again more or less true) that in making his film, Griffith put tragic poetry on the screen for the first time. Sixty-five years later, we are tempted to deride both the film's excessive villainy and its virtue. But for sheer terror, is there anything in modern cinema to surpass Miss Gish's agony after she has locked herself in the closet, with her brutish father hacking way at the door with his axe?

●*DISSONANCE* (Radio 3, 7.30 pm) is Sandra Freeman's play about the chaste ménage-à-trois involving Nietzsche, an adored disciple, and his best friend, and it suggests other reasons for the philosopher's descent into madness than those that are usually trotted out: overwork and solitude. The Nietzchean gospel of the Superman, necessarily much condensed, sometimes has to struggle hard to be heard against some over-insistent music by Ilona Sekacz whose output is so immense these days that I am beginning to think of her as Radio 3 drama department's resident composer. Mike Gwilym plays Nietzsche. He admirably keeps the hysteria in check until it demands to be given its head, and is given it.

Peter Davalle

CHANNEL 4

9.30 *Conservatives '84.* Llew Gardner and Brian Shallcross in Brighton for the second day of the Conservative Party Conference. Ends at 12.30.
2.30 *Conservatives '84.* Coverage of the afternoon's debates.
5.30 *The Mary Tyler Moore Show.* Mary plays cupid this evening as eligible bachelor Chuck is led to believe that Rhoda shares Mary's apartment. As the romance blossoms so the subterfuge continues but a hiccup occurs when Chuck, pursuing his new-found career as a forest ranger, takes the two girls and a number of his other friends on an overnight hike.
6.00 *Silents Please.* The series on the history of the silent screen continues with another selection of 'firsts' – including the first animated cartoon, Gertie the Dinosaur, and the first Tarzan film, starring Elmo Lincoln. There are also clips from the first Frankenstein (1910) and from The Werewolf (1913) as well as Fatima, the first film to have censorship troubles.
6.30 *The Living Body.* Part four of the 26-episode journey through the inner workings of the human body examines sleep. The programme was recorded on a cruise in the Pacific, using the events on the ocean going liner to illuminate the living body as it sleeps. The programme also includes a computer display of the waves that sweep across the brain during a night's sleep.
7.00 *Channel Four News* with Peter Sissons includes a report from Lawrence McGinty on Bristol's new science 'exploratory' museum.
7.50 *Comment.* The political slot this week is provided by the Labour MP for Blackburn, Jack Straw.
8.00 *Scotland's Story.* Part nine of the story of Scotland and the Scots concentrates on the economic and political developments during the last years of the 17th century. The narrator is Isobel Black.
8.30 *Diverse Reports.* The weekly current affairs programme tonight examines the controversial Fleet Street takeovers. Christopher Hird reports.
9.00 *Silent Classics: Broken Blossoms"* (1919) starring Lillian Gish. Directed by D W Griffith (see Choice).
10.50 *Robert Mitchum.* In this, the second in the series of Guardian Lectures held at the National Film Theatre, Robert Mitchum talks to Derek Malcolm, film critic of the Guardian, about his life and career.
11.35 *Film: Double Piquet (1979)* The story of Leonard, a day-tripper from Dublin, at a country house. He becomes bored and wanders away from the party and misses the coach when it is time to go. Written and directed by Robert Wynne Simmons.
12.05 *Closedown.*

Radio 4

On long wave. † denotes stereo on VHF.
5.55 Shipping Forecast.
6.00 News Briefing.
6.10 Farming Today.
6.25 Prayer for the Day.
6.30 Today, including 6.30, 7.30, 8.30 News Summary. 6.55, 7.55 Weather. 7.00, 8.00 News. 7.25, 8.25 Sport. 7.45 Thought for the Day.
8.43 The Awakening by Kate Chopin (3). Read by Sarah Badel. 8.57 Weather; Travel.
9.00 News.
9.05 Midweek: Libby Purves with studio guests.†
10.00 News; Gardeners' Question Time. Listeners' postbag.
10.30 Morning Story: "Alice and the Jogging Plumber" by Fred Urqhart (2). Read by Fraser Kerr.
10.45 Daily Service (NEM, page 58).†
11.00 News; Travel; The Return of "Tiger" Lyon. Russell Hunter tells the story of Colonel Ivan Lyon and Operations Jaywick and Rimau (R).
11.48 Mighty Myths (new series) Derek Robinson challenges some beliefs we take for granted. 1: The Swedish Way of Death.
12.00 News; You and Yours. Consumer affairs. With Paul Heiney.
12.27 No Place to Hide by Ted Allebeury, abridged in eight parts (1) (R). 12.55 Weather.
1.00 The World at One: News.
1.40 The Archers. 1.55 Shipping Forecast.
2.00 News; Woman's Hour. Today edition includes an interview with John Ridgway, the round-the-world yachtsman. Plus the second episode of The Tiger and the Rose, read by Vernon Scannell who wrote it.
3.00 The Afternoon Play: Queen Lucia. The second episode of Aubrey Woods's adaptation of the the E F Benson comic novel, starring Barbara Jefford as the woman who "rules" the village of Riseholme.†
3.47 Time for Verse: Love poems, presented by Liz Lochhead and read by John Shedden, Ann Scott-James and Finlay Welsh.
4.00 News; File on 4. The proposal by the Chancellor of the Exchequer that unemployment can be solved by lowering real wages, is tested by Michael Robinson. He asks: can the American jobs miracle be repeated here in Britain? (r).
4.40 Story Time: "Stepping Westward" by Malcolm Bradbury (last of 13 parts). The reader is Robert Powell.
5.00 PM News. 5.50 Shipping Forecast. 5.55 Weather.
6.00 The Six O'clock News: Financial Report.
6.30 Top of the Form. General knowledge cotest between schools. First round, 5: North. Derby High School. Bury versus Moorhead High School, Accrington.
7.00 News.
7.05 The Archers.
7.20 Your Move or Mine? Bill Breckon and Tom Tickell open the door on the door on the housing world.
7.45 Kipling Round the World. Marghanita Laski follows Kipling's travels and explores the world he brought to life in his writings (3). To the Antipodes.
8.15 Antony Hopkins Talking About Music.†
8.45 Analysis examines the nuclear "star wars" scenario. The presenter: David Wheeler.
9.30 A Talent to Amuse. A lighthearted look at the life and music of Noel Coward (5). Tonight: Coward on England. Presenter: Sheridan Morley.
9.45 Kaleidoscope. Arts magazine. Includes comment on Falstaff, at the Fortune Thearte; Flaubert's Parrot, by Julian Barnes (published by Cape); the Conifer Records recording of the Fauré Requiem; and the Modern Masters of the Thyssen Bornemisza Collection at the Royal Academy.
10.15 A Book at Bedtime: "I Heard the Owl Call My Name" by Margaret Craven (3). Read by Garrick Hagon. 10.29 Weather.
10.30 The World Tonight, incl 11.00 News Headlines.
11.15 The Financial World Tonight.
11.30 And This is Morris Dancing. Jim Lloyd joins one thousand Morris Men from all over England for the Golden Jubilee celebrations of the Morris Ring. 12.00-12.15am News; Weather. 12.33 Shipping Forecast.
VHF (available in England & S. Wales only). Radio 4 VHF is as above except: 5.55-6.00am Weather; Travel. 11.00-12.00 For Schools: 11.00 Singing Together. 11.20 Junior Drama Workshop. 11.40 Conatact. 11.55 Songs From "Something to Think About". 1.55 Listening Corner. 2.05 Something to Think About. 2.15 Quest. 2.35 Pictures in Your Mind (Poetry). 2.45 Nature. 5.50–5.55 PM (continued). 11.00 Study on 4: A vous la France! 12.30-1.10am Schools Night-Time Broadcasting: Voix de France (5 & 6).

Radio 3

6.55 Weather. 7.00 News.
7.05 Your Midweek Choice: part one. Finzi's Introit (Standage, violin); Dowland's Fine Knacks for Ladies (Deller, counter-tenor and Dupre, lute); Bach's Partita No 2 in C minor, BWV 826 (Gould, piano); Delius's Idyll (Lott/Allen/Royal Philharmonic).†
8.00 News.
8.05 Your Midweek Choice; part two. Granados's El amor y la muerte (Goyescas) played by Achucarro, piano); and Saint-Saens's Symphony No 3 Op 78 (with Pierre Cochereau, organ).†
9.00 News.
9.05 This Week's Composer: Martinu. Duo No 2 (Suk/Navarra): Dandelion Romance (Kaucka, soprano); and Fantasia Concertante (Piano Concerto No 5: with Ales Bilek and Prague Symphony Orchestra).†
10.00 Orchestral Music: Sibelius. Andante Festivo (with the composer conducting); and the Symphony No 3. (Helsinki Radio/Orchestra under Kamu).†
10.40 Italian Connections; Philip Martin (piano). Poulenc's Suite Napoli; Liszt's Three Sonnets of Petrarch; Casella's Toccata.†
11.15 BBC Welsh SO (under Kegel). Brahms's Symphony No 3; and Dessau's Bach Variations.†
12.15 Concert Hall: the Albany Brass Ensemble. Eugene Bozza's Sonatina; Steve Ingham's Gosforth Rhapsody; Leonard Salzedo's Capriccio.†
1.00 News.
1.05 Jazz Records: The early years of Benny Goodman (1). The first of four programmes, in mono.
1.30 Matinee Musicale: BBC Scottish SO (under Lawrence). Delibes's ballet suite Sylvia; Saint-Saens's Le rouet d'Omphale; Ravel's Pavane; Bizet's Jeux d'enfants; Massenet's suite El Cid.†
2.30 Four Hands, One Piano: Isabel Beyer and Harvey Dagul play works by Ladmirault (including Rapsodie gaelique; and Les Campbells arrivent), and d'Indy (Sept chants de terroir Op 73).†
3.10 Orchestral Music: Chavez's Sinfonia India (Mexican State Symphony Orchestra); Copland's El salon Mexico (Detroit SO); Chavez s Zarabanda (Mexican State SO); Copland's Short Symphony (St Paul Chamber Orchestra).
4.00 Choral Evensong: live relay from St George's Chapel, Windsor. The organist is John Porter.† 4.55 News.
5.00 Mainly for Pleasure: another of Michael Berkeley's selections.†
6.30 Debut: The mezzo-soprano Judith Malafronte, accompanied by Antony Saunders sings selections from Tosti, Schumann, Rossini and Ives (including From the swimmers: and Down East). The Schumann works include Kennst du das Land. The Rossini work is M; lagnero; L'invito.†
7.15 Fanfares for Romeo and Juliet: The composer Elgar Howarth conducts members of the Park Lane Players.†
7.30 Play: Dissonance. By Sandra Freeman. The quadrangular relationship between the German poet and philosopher Nietzsche (Mike Gwilym), his sister Lisbeth (Susan Engel), his young Russian disciple Lou Salome (Maureen O'Brien) and his close friend Paul Ree (Michael Tudor Barnes).†
8.50 Opera: Haydn's Philemon und Baucis. Sung in German. Gunter Kehr conducts Pro Musica Choir and Mainz Chamber Orchestra. With Aldo Baldin, Elaine Woods, Georgine Resick and Josef Protschka.†
9.56 Six Continents: Foreign radio broadcasts, monitored by the BBC.
10.15 Ned Rorem and Edward McGuire: Judith Pearce (flute) and David Russell (guitar). Rorem's Romeo and Juliet: and McGuire's Improvizations on Calderon (both are first UK broadcasts).†
10.50 Orchestral Music: Vaclav Talich's 1954 performance of Dvrorak's Symphonic Poem The Water Goblin, Op 107, with the Czech Philharmonic Orchestra. In mono.
11.15 News. Until 11.18.

Radio 2

On medium wave. † denotes also stereo. News on the hour (except 9.00pm): Headlines 5.30am, 6.30, 7.30 and 8.30. 4.00am Martin Kelner.† 5.30 Ray Moore.† 7.30 Terry Wogan.† 10.00 Jimmy Young.† 12.00pm Colin Berry † including 2.02, 3.02 Sports Desk. 3.30 Music all the Way.† 4.00 David Hamilton † including 4.02, 5.05 Sports Desk. 6.00 John Dunn † including 6.02 Sports Desk; 6.45 Sport and Classified Results (MF only). 8.00 Lyrics on Several Occasions. Second of six programmes with Andre Previn. Sam Wanamaker plays Ira Gershwin. 8.30 Romantic Strings with Marjorie Lofthouse.† 9.00 National Brass Band Championships of Great Britain. 9.55 Sports Desk. 10.00 The Golden Years with Alan Keith. 10.30 Hubert Gregg says Thanks for the Memory. 11.00 Bernard Falk presents Round Midnight (stereo from midnight). 1.00am David Bellan's Nightride. Broadway Babes 3: Judy Holliday and Rosalind Russell.† 3.30-4.00 Forbes Robinson sings.†

Radio 1

On medium wave. † denotes also stereo. News on the half-hour from 6.30am until 9.30pm and at 12 midnight. 6.00am Adrian John. 7.00 Mike Read. 9.00 Simon Bates. 12.00pm Gary Davies including 12.30 Newsbeat. 2.30 Steve Wright. 5.00 Bruno Brookes including 5.30 Newsbeat. 7.30 Janice Long. 10.00-12.00am John Peel.† VHF Radios 1 & 2: 4.00am With Radio 2. 10.00pm With Radio 1. 12.00-4.00pm With Radio 2.

WORLD SERVICE

6.00 Newsdesk. 7.00 World News 7.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 7.30 Report On Religion. 7.45 That's Trad. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Reflections. 8.15 Classical Record Review. 8.30 Talking About Music. 9.00 World News. 9.09 Review of the British Press. 9.15 The World Today 9.30 Financial News. 9.40 Look Ahead. 9.45 The Brotherhood Of Brass. 10.00 News Summary. 10.01 With Respect, Ambassador. 10.30 My Music. 11.00 World News. 11.09 News About Britain. 11.15 Letter From Chad. 12.00 Radio Newsreel. 12.15 Nature Notebook. 12.25 The Farming World. 12.45 Sports Roundup. 1.00 World News. 1.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 1.30 Traveller's Tales. 2.00 Outlook. 2.45 Report on Religion. 3.00 Radio Newsreel. 3.15 Incredible Flautists. 3.30 Dad's Army. 4.00 World News. 4.09 Commentary. 4.15 Rock Salad. 4.45 World Today. 5.09 Monitor. 5.25 New Ideas. 5.35 Waveguide. 8.00 World News. 8.09 Twenty-Four Hours. 8.30 Assignment. 9.00 News Summary. 9.01 Network UK. 9.15 Album Time. 9.45 Recording Of The Week. 10.00 World News. 10.09 The World Today 10.25 Book Choice. 10.30 Financial News. 10.40 Reflections. 10.45 Sports Roundup. 11.00 World News. 11.09 Commentary. 11.15 Letter from Chad. 11.30 Top Twenty. 12.00 World News. 12.09 News About Britain. 12.15 Radio Newsreel. 12.30 Dad's Army. 1.00 News Summary. 1.01 Outlook. 1.30 Waveguide. 1.40 Book Choice. 1.45 Monitor 2.00 World News. 2.09 Review of the British Press. 2.15 Network UK. 2.30 Assignment. 3.00 World News. 3.09 News About Britain. 3.15 The World Today. 3.30 Worlds Of Faith. 4.00 Newsdesk. 4.30 Classical Record Review. 5.45 The World Today.

All times in GMT

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REGIONAL TELEVISION VARIATIONS

BBC1 Wales: 12.57pm 1.00 News of Wales headlines. 3.48-3.50 News of Wales headlines. 5.25-5.35 Interval. 5.35-5.58 Wales Today. 6.30-6.55 Sportfolio. 12.10-12.15 News and weather. Scotland: 12.55-1.00 The Scottish News. 5.25-5.58 First Class. 6.30-6.55 Reporting Scotland. 12.10-12.15 News and weather. Northern Ireland: 12.57pm-1.00 Northern Ireland News. 3.48-3.50 Northern Ireland News. 5.25-5.58 Channel One. 6.30-6.55 Inside Ulster. 12.10am-12.15 News and weather. England: 6.30-6.55 Regional news and magazines.

BORDER As London except 1.20pm-1.30 News 3.00 That's Hollywood. 3.30-4.00 Young Doctors. 6.00-6.35 Lookaround. 12.00 News, Closedown.

CENTRAL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Electric Theatre Show. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Hotel. 6.00 Crossroads. 6.25-7.00 News. 12.00 Closedown.

ULSTER 1.20pm-1.30 Lunchtime. 3.30-4.00 Once Upon A Time . . . Man. 6.00-6.35 Good Evening Ulster. 11.55 News, Closedown.

S4C Starts: 9.30am Conservative '84. 12.30pm Interval. 2.00 Gwrando A Gwneud. 2.20 Ffalabalam. 2.35 Hyn O Fyd. 2.55 Conservative '84. 4.45 Ffalabalam. 5.00 Hanner Awr Fawr. 5.35 Danger Man. 6.00 Brookside. 6.30 Diebendraw. 7.00 Newyddion Saith. 7.30 Troi'r Dail. 8.00 Y Saith Canhwyllbren Aur. 9.00 Film: Question of Love. 10.50 Diverse Reports. 11.20 Moving Hearts. 12.20am Closedown.

TYNE TEES As London except: 1.20 News. 1.25 Where The Jobs Are. 6.00 News. 6.02 Crosroads. 6.25-7.00 Northern Life. 12.00 Memory Lane, Closedown.

CHANNEL As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Three Little Words. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15-5.45 Pruitts of Southampton. 6.00-6.35 Channel Report. 12.00 Closedown.

ANGLIA As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Look Who's Talking. 1.20-1.30 News. 6.00-6.35 About Anglia. 12.00 Preview. 12.30am Norfolk Stories, Closedown.

SCOTTISH As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Electric Theatre Show. 1.20 News. 1.30 Job Spot. 1.35 Film: The Ringer (Herbert Lom). 3.00 Vintage Quiz. 3.30-4.00 Look Who's Talking. 6.00-6.35 News and Scotland Today. 10.30 Scotsport. 11.30 Late Call. 11.35 Magnum. 12.30 Closedown.

TVS As London except: 1.20pm News. 1.32 That's My Dog. 2.02-2.30 Afternoon Club. 3.00 Afternoon Club. 3.27-4.00 Take the High Road. 6.00-6.35 Coast to Coast. 12.00 That's Hollywood. 12.30am Company, Closedown.

HTV As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Electric Theatre Show. 1.20 News. 1.30 Protectors. 2.00-2.30 That's My Dog. 6.00-6.30 News. 12.00 Comedy Tonight. 12.30 Closedown.

HTV WALES As HTV West except: 6.00-6.35 Wales at Six.

YORKSHIRE As London except: 12.30pm-1.00 Calendar At Your Service. 1.20 News. 1.30-2.30 Falcon Crest. 6.00-6.35 Calendar. 12.00 Barney Miller. 12.30am Closedown.

GRAMPIAN As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Little Words. 1.30-2.30 We'll Meet Again. 6.00-6.35 North Tonight. 10.30 Scotsport. 11.30 Streets of San Francisco. 12.30am News, Closedown.

TSW As London except: 12.30 pm-1.00 Three Little Words. 1.20-1.30 News. 5.15 Gus Honeybun. 5.20-5.45 Crossroads. 6.00 Today South West. 6.30-7.00 Different Strokes. 12.00 Postscript, Closedown.

GRANADA As London except: 1.00pm-1.30 News. 3.25-4.00 The Young Doctors. 6.00 This Is Your Right. 6.05 Crossroads. 6.30-7.00 Granada Reports.' 12.00 Short Story. 12.25 Closedown.

WHAT THE SYMBOLS MEAN
† Stereo. ★ Black and white. (r) Repeat

Ponting to stand trial on secrets charge

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in May and Mr Ponting has sent a memorandum to Mr Heseltine urging the questions be answered. He told the Secretary of State that Mr Stanley, after consultations with 10 Downing Street, suggested that questions including parliamentary questions should not be answered on military grounds.

Mr Ponting, Mr Amlet said, had told Mr Heseltine there was no reason for withholding information adding that "there are already sound and tactical reasons for answering Mr Dalyell rather than letting information come out piecemeal".

Answering Mr Dalyell would "let us give a better picture" of events such as the limitations of reaching Conqueror in the South Atlantic.

The documents became the centre of a search for a leak in the ministry after Mr Dalyell had passed them to the Foreign Affairs Committee chairman, Sir Anthony Kershaw, who returned them to Mr Heseltine.

Mr Jonathan Caplan, for Mr Ponting, asked Mr Richard Hastie-Smith, deputy under secretary at the Ministry of Defence responsible for civilian staff, why he had taken a letter of immediate resignation from Mr Ponting on the day he made his statement to the police when it was normal for a civil servant in such a position of possible prosecution to be suspended.

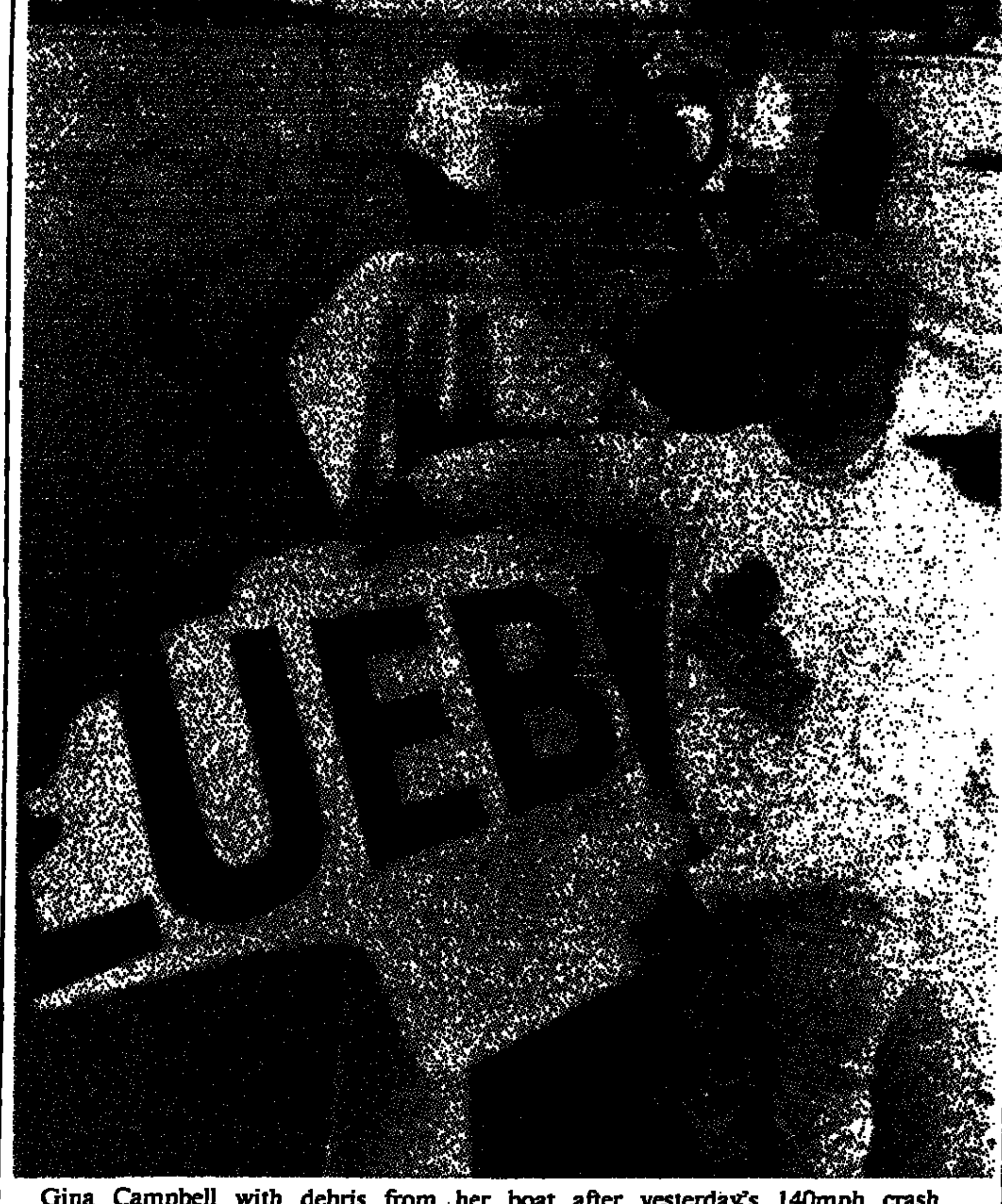
Mr Hastie-Smith said: "When I took the letter I did not know whether it would be accepted." He denied having told Mr Ponting that everyone in the ministry thought the case did not merit the Official Secrets Act.

Mr Caplan called a second prosecution witness Mr Richard Mottram, private secretary to Mr Heseltine. Mr Mottram told the court that questions about the Belgrano had been raised by Mr Denzil Davies, the Opposition spokesman on defence, in March and Mr Ponting was asked to draft replies.

Mr Mottram said it was correct that Mr Ponting was asked to draft two different replies on the sinking of the Belgrano for Mr Stanley. One said the ship was detected and sighted before May 2, the other did not give the date.

Mr Mottram said a meeting had considered a reply to questions on whether the Belgrano had been sighted before the day it was sunk. He said: "There emerged at that meeting a general view that information should be revealed."

Mr Ponting prepared draft replies for questions from Dalyell but Mr Heseltine did not use the draft and gave no information. Mr Ponting had included details that the Belgrano had changed course and had spent 11 hours heading for Argentina when it was sunk.



Gina Campbell with debris from her boat after yesterday's 140mph crash

More cash pledged to police pit strike

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And there will be trials of the new scheme.

The idea is that the new prosecution service should give priority to defendants in custody. If a case overruns the limit, the defendant would have to be released, but would still face trial within the time limit set for bail cases. For a defendant on bail, the proceedings would have to be stopped once the time limit had overrun.

The time limits will mean that witnesses' memories will be fresher. And defendants who might eventually be acquitted or given non-custodial sentences would not be detained unnecessarily while the case against them was being prepared.

But it is not the Government's intention that the way will be opened for defendants to escape justice. The time limits, as a result of experiments, will be "realistic and workable", according to plans unveiled yesterday.

Mr Brittan also told the conference he was "certainly ready" to consider the possibility of new legislation on picketing in his review of the law on public order.

Mr Gerald Kaufman, the shadow Home Secretary, accused the Government of taking another step, with Mr Brittan's package, towards a centralist state. "The Government is taking away some of the last fragments of democratic accountability to which chief constables are answerable.

"Local police authorities, elected by the people, have hardly any powers in relation to their chief constables.

"They cannot dismiss him without the Home Secretary's approval and under the new change they will not even be able to suspend him without approval", he said.

It was yet another example of the Government creating a centralist state. On the issue of financial aid for police authorities, Mr Kaufman said the bills would be very big indeed. "It is the Government's duty to pay the lot."

Before Mr Brittan's announcement on meeting police costs, authorities had to find from the rates a maximum of the product of a penny rate for additional expenditure up to August 31, 1984. This limit did not apply to spending after that date. But the Home Scretary had promised to keep the position under review

Frank Johnson in Brighton

Praying to keep bishop in check

The Conservative Party Conference opened here yesterday against the background of the worsening bishops' strike.

What a worried party wanted to know from its leaders was: How long can the bishops continue to keep supplies of their prayers from reaching Tory economic policies? Is the Government prepared to put in troops, in the form of the specialized padre squads, to man the cathedrals, especially if the dispute drags on to peak-playing time at Christmas.

Ministers involved in the dispute – such as the Government's supremo prayer supplier, vicar's son Mr John Selwyn Gummer – were understood to be insisting in the conference corridors, that, despite the campaign of intimidation led by the bishops' leader Dr Robert Runcie, a third of Britain's bishops were continuing to work normally.

But many Tories believed this figure to be absurdly optimistic. They were more worried by the situation in the key Durham and York prayerfields.

Conservative conference traditionally open with a short religious service, although most Conservatives do not adhere to any organized religion (they are Anglicans). Because of the background of tension, more than usual interest was this year attacked to this event. The party had been sickened by the scenes, night after night on their television screens, of noisy men in large mitres and waving huge, viciously-hooked sticks, trying to force the elected government to abandon its whole economic strategy.

Minsters believe that the nerve centre of the campaign is the tightly-knit southern community of Canterbury. The describe Canterbury as the "South Yorkshire" or the "Barnsley" of the Runcie organization. And Dr Runcie, they hint, is backed by a political party which, when it tried to win power through the ballot box, has been consistently rejected by the British people (the SDP).

Despite the intimidation, Canon John Hester, the vicar of Brighton, yesterday turned up to work at the service. Police ringed the building. He read two prayers. Working alongside him were a Methodist and a Roman Catholic. Neither of those two groups is yet involved in the dispute.

The Methodists have traditionally been regarded as anti-Tory and were behind the founding of at least one extremist British political party (Labour). These days, the Catholics could go either way. In places such as Nicaragua they are left wing – those, that is, who are not in prison. There are few Nicaraguans at Brighton.

So, the Reverend Matthew McInerney, the Roman Catholic Dean of Brighton, could well be, from the Tories point of view, a sound man.

Closure of 'Ronan Point' tower blocks considered

By Charles Knevill, Architecture Correspondent

Newham Council in east London met last night to dismiss plans to move 600 families from eight Taylor Woodrow Anglian tower blocks in the borough, built to the same sort of design as Ronan Point.

The 22-storey tower block, which partially collapsed in 1968 after a gas explosion, killing five people, has been emptied so fire and structural tests can be carried out.

It seems certain it will be dismantled so that the extent of its faults can be examined.

It will probably take about a year to rehouse the remaining families. Council officers are negotiating with the Department of Environment over compensation which may be payable to tenants and to Newham Council for making structural surveys, thought to have cost about £1m.

Repair and refurbishment of one of the blocks would cost more than £5m, according to one estimate, whereas demolition would cost £500,000.

Yesterday Mr Sam Webb, an architect who surveyed Ronan Point for the Newham Tower Block Tenants Campaign, said he had offered to help Newham Council's independent consultants, Building Design Partnership, carry out structural tests on the building.

Building Design Partnership refused to comment yesterday on Mr Webb's allegations about the extent of their tests on the building, as reported in *The Times*.

Campbell's brush with death

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said Miss Campbell, she and her back-up team decided to make another run "just to see what the boat had in her".

She was travelling on the eastern part of the course at almost 140mph when the bows of the catamaran-type boat began to rise out of the water near the 1,000-metre marker.

"There was nothing I could do about it. It just took off and turned over and then smashed to matchwood. The rescue boat was there instantly and as they pulled me from the water I told them not to let my boat sink without rescuing Mr Whoppit, which they managed to do."

The little bear was all that survived when Donald Campbell's Bluebird crashed at Conniston Water, in the Lake District, as he attempted to improve on his world record. Miss Campbell's grandfather, Sir Malcolm, had previously held the record.

Donald Campbell crashing at Coniston in 1967.

There was more bad luck for Miss Campbell yesterday: as her mechanics worked on the engine and splintered bits of the boat salvaged from the water, it burst into flames.

She does not know if she will be able to make another speed attempt at Windemere as planned. "But this will not stop me racing. If I was'nt so stiff I would get right back in a boat right now and go back on the water. I know how lucky I am to be alive and at least I have the record."

The Bluebird team was meeting last night to decide what to do next.

Portugal sets about cleaning the Algarve

From Martha de la Cal Lisbon

The Portuguese Government has established an emergency commission to draw up plans for eliminating pollution on beaches in the Algarve.

It was set up after the Minister for Quality of Life, Dr Francisco Sousa Tavares, said Algarve beaches were dangerously polluted and that those near Lisbon, in the Estoril-Cascais area, were so polluted they should be put off-limits to bathers. His remarks coincided with the cancellation of charter flights to the Algarve by Swedish and Belgian tour operators because of an epidemic of salmonella and other disorders among tourists.

Earlier in the season, several British tourists who had visited the Algarve contracted Legionnaires' disease. A report submitted to Lisbon health authorities attributed the illnesses to untreated sewage in the sea, to insufficiently chlorinated water and poor health practices in food distribution. Wells have been tainted by polluted seawater because of overpumping during a long drought.

Many of the projects needed had been started but then stopped for lack of funds. Now they will be revived. Parliament is talking in terms of the equivalent of an additional £2.5m over the next five years for sewage treatment and other special funds for local governments for sanitation.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

Today's events

Royal engagements

Princess Anne opens the new Ice Rink at Telford, Shropshire, 11.30; and later opens the Gateway Arts and Community Centre, Shrewsbury, 2.30.

The Duke of Kent attends the London Chamber of Commerce and Industry's 50th anniversary reception, 69 Cannon St, EC4, 6.

Prince Michael of Kent visits RAF Cottesmore, 10.

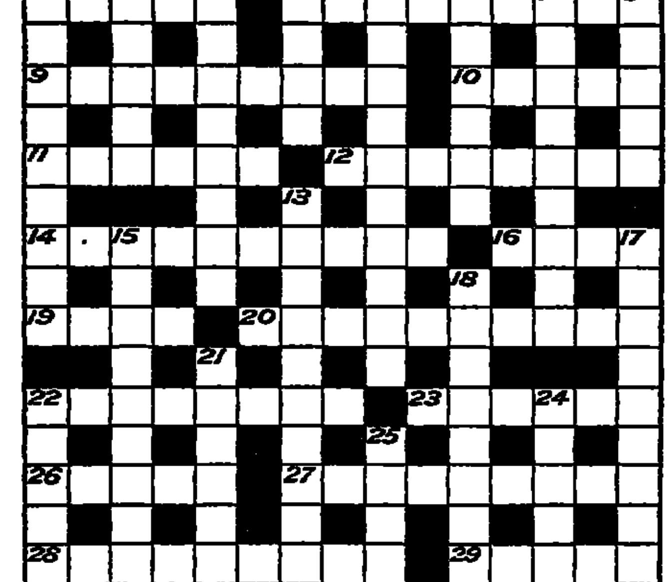
New exhibitions

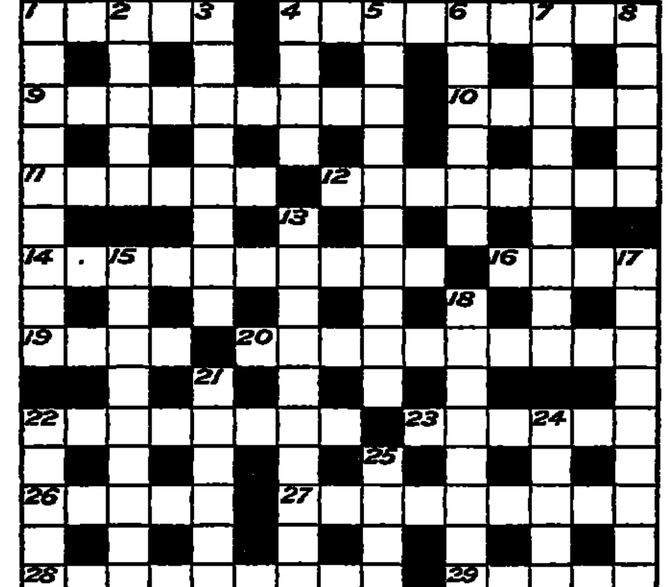
Paintings, collages and drawings by Christine Watson; City Museum and Art Gallery, Priestgate, Peterborough; Tues to Sat 12 to 5; (ends Nov 10).

Textiles from Poland; Collins Gallery, University of Strathclyde, 22 Richmond St, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 10 to 5, Sat 12 to 4; (ends Nov 6).

The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,557

This puzzle was solved within 30 minutes by 14 of the 18 competitors in the 1984 national final of the Collins Dictionaries Times Crossword Championship.





ACROSS

1 The cob for a girl (5).
4 A letter said I would return payment for novel (9).
9 The bar permitted you to start with advertising (9).
10 Ask questions about neat agent (5).
11 Persuaded firm to cut down (6).
12 Cyrus, one resolved to be the centre of attraction (8).
14 Offer to look in for meat (10).
16 Emblem of Staffordshire town (4)
19 Get rid of a frog and a bird (4).
20 Then he'd pay out, like 5 (10).
22 Rough bit of water precedes a change of course, going astern (8).
23 Bill sent to a US bureau. What'll they say . . . (6).
26 . . . when gardens are not straight? (5).
27 See post go out in March (5-4).
28 For such an accident, call coloured doctor, one from overseas (3-3-3).
29 She would pack a right in a scrap (5).

DOWN

1 Drink following ball game (9).
2 Cross here – between a horse and a tiger? (5).
3 One's in no hurry to see it before king (8).
4 Doctor takes very little money for intravenous administration (4).
5 To get cheaper travel, he avoids paying (3-2-5).
6 Make use of unfinished polymer formation (6).
7 Profit from turning up the volume round the light unit (9).
8 This is in leaf for a stated period (5).
13 Blunder about providers of cheap accommodation in Bennett's book (10).
15 Unused to buying and selling and gambling on cards (9).
17 Committed a crime that's novel (9).
18 Bloomers made by soccer players letting in the opposition finally (8).
21 Inward-turning scientist (6).
22 Refuse to cut without due consideration (5).
24 Provide grub – but grub without support (5).
25 This clue is blue (4).

Solution of Puzzle No 16,556

GAMBLE WATCHDOG
A O A P T R O A
INTERSECT OUGHT
N H G R R W E E
SEETHES ADDENDA
A R E O C D U
INSET NATURIST
D T A I O S
YUGOSLAV STOCK
E P C E E P Y
MOROCCO NEWDEAL
B I A L E A N I
EAGER UPSETTING
R H O M S E N H
SETTLING BRIGHT

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Exhibitions in progress

Recent work by Mary Dinsdale and Angela Braven, Hastings Museum and Art Gallery, Cambridge Road, Hastings, Mon to Sat 10 to 1 and 2 to 5, Sun 3 to 5. (ends Nov 11).

Work by The Earl Haig and Sir Ninian Buchan-Hepburn, Scottish Gallery, George Street, Edinburgh; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 5.30, Sat 9 to 1; (from today until Oct 31).

Work by Paola McClure and drawings and prints by Johnny McGuinness, Fair Maids House Gallery, North Port, Perth; Mon to Fri 11 to 4, Sat 11 to 5; (from today until Oct 27).

Graphic work by Lennox Paterson, Glasgow Print Studio Gallery, Ingram Street, Glasgow; Mon to Fri 9.30 to 6, Sat 10.30 to 4; (from today until Oct 31).

One day in the life of a picture by Anthony Green, Glasgow Arts Centre, 12 Washington Street, Glasgow; Mon to Sat 10 to 5, Tues 10 to 5 and 6.30 to 8.30; (from today until Oct 27).

Guild craft exhibition, Art Gallery, Civic Centre, Mount Pleasant, Tunbridge Wells; Mon to Fri 10 to 5.30, Sat 9.30 to 5; (from today until Oct 18).

Music

Piano recital by Penelope Thwaites; Museum and Art Gallery, Doncaster, 1.

Organ recital by Martin Haselbock; Bath Abbey, 8.

Concert by the Bournemouth Symphony Orchestra; Winter Gardens, Bournemouth, 7.30.

Concert by the Scottish Chamber Orchestra; Queen's Hall, South Clerk St, Edinburgh, 7.45.

Recital by the Bochmann String Quartet, Kelvingrove Art Gallery, Glasgow, 7.45.

Recital by the Amaryllis Consort; Guildford Cathedral, Surrey, 8.

Concert by the City of Belfast Youth Orchestra; Rosemary St Presbyterian Church, Belfast, 8.

Talks, lectures

Twentieth Century Artists and the English Landscape, by John Millard; Laing Art Gallery, Higham Place, Newcastle upon Tyne, 12.30.

The Well Dressed Space Person, by C. L. Thompson; Royal Scottish Museum, Chambers St, Edinburgh, 2.

People and Places: studies in 19th century Cirencester, by Jean Welsford; Corinium Museum, Park St, Cirencester, 7.30.

Stroud Festival: Have You Heard? poetry reading by Roger Hume and Sheila Johnson; Painswick Institute, Glos, 3.

General

Royal Ulster Agricultural Society Autumn Show; Balmoral Showgrounds, Belfast, Northern Ireland; daily at 10; (ends tomorrow).

Surrey Antiques Fair; Civic Hall, Guildford, 11 to 8; (ends tomorrow at 6).

Rail news

British Rail Southern Region trains from London Victoria to Brighton are operating on a restricted basis as a result of a severe fire in a Brighton signal box on Monday. Many rush hour trains have been cancelled, and there are only two an hour each way off-peak. BR said it was hoping to get services back to normal by the end of next week.

New books – hardback

The Literary Editor's selection of interesting books published this week:
Arts of The Pennsylvania Germans, by Scott T Swank and others (W W Norton & Company, £35.00).
Dietrich, by Alexander Walker (Thames and Hudson, £12.95).
Monte Cassino, by David Hapgood and David Richardson (Angus & Robertson (UK) Ltd, £9.95).
Old Testament Criticism in the Nineteenth Century, by John Rogerson (SPCK, £15.00).
Shakespeare's Characters, by AL Rowse (Methuen, £8.50).
The Forgotten Arts, by John Seymour (The National Trust, £9.95).
The Needs of Strangers, by Michael Ignatieff (Chatto & Windus, £9.95).
The Noel Coward Song Book, by Noel Coward (Methuen, £15.00).
The Tuscan Year, life and Food in an Italian Valley, by Elizabeth Romer (Weidenfeld & Nicholson, £9.95).
Toynbee Hall, The First Hundred Years, by Asa Briggs and Anne Macartney (Routledge & Kegan, £15.00).

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Roads

The Midlands: A1: Contraflow near Newark, N and S of the junction with the A46; southbound exit and entry, A1 to A46 closed; diversion. A34: Delays S of Hanford, Stoke-on-Trent; contraflow. A1: Contraflow between Grantham and Newark, N of Gonerby Moor.

The North: A69: Roadworks at Greenhead, Northumberland. A6127: Single lane traffic across Tyne Bridge; severe delays. A691/A692: Stage I roadworks on the Leadgate bypass, co Durham.

Scotland: M876: Roadworks between M80, junction 5, and junction 2; contraflow. A82: Single lane traffic with lights S of Ardlui. A85: Roadworks along Riverside Drive at Dundee Airport; single line traffic with lights.

Information supplied by the AA

GWR exhibition

British Rail Western Region are planning to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Great Western Railway next year. An exhibition will be held in Swindon Railway Works in August 1985 with a travelling exhibition train visiting towns and cities on the GWR network from May to September. British Rail (Western) would be very grateful to hear from any one willing to loan items of interest for the exhibitions. Offers should be made in writing (before anything is sent), to Mr R. Drummond, Public Affairs Manager, BR, 125 House, 1 Gloucester St, Swindon, SN1 1DL.

The pound

	Bank Buys	Bank Sells
Australia $	1.53	1.46
Austria Sch	27.50	26.10
Belgium Fr	79.80	75.80
Canada $	1.68	1.61
Denmark Kr	14.25	13.65
Finland Mkk	8.16	7.76
France Fr	11.94	11.44
Germany DM	3.92	3.73
Greece Dr	158.00	150.00
Hongkong $	10.07	9.47
Ireland Pt	1.26	1.20
Italy Lira	2405.00	2305.00
Japan Yen	319.00	303.00
Netherlands Gld	4.40	4.20
Norway Kr	11.32	10.82
Portugal Esc	203.00	194.00
South Africa Rd	2.24	2.10
Spain Pta	216.00	206.00
Sweden Kr	11.03	10.53
Switzerland Fr	3.23	3.07
USA $	1.27	1.22
Yugoslavia Dnr	263.00	249.00

Rates for small denomination bank notes only, as supplied by Barclays Bank International Ltd. Different rates apply to travellers' cheques and other foreign currency business.

Retail Price Index: 354.8

London: The *FT* Index closed down 0.4 at 866.2.

The papers

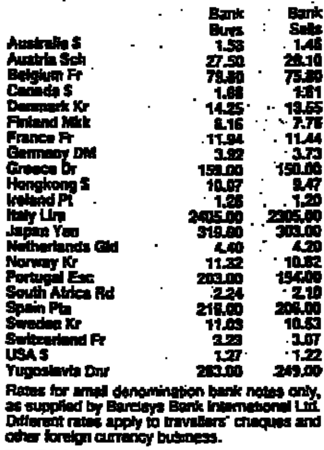
The Daily Star, commenting on the 'unholy row' between church leaders and politicians says: "Criticisms of picket line violence, and Arthur Scargill's extremism, have been just as loud as criticism of economic policy. Sadly, it seems that many MPs only hear those comments which they disagree with." It adds: "But there are times when a plague on both their houses makes a worthwhile thought for the day."

Anniversaries

Births: **Jacobus Arminius**, theologian, Oudewater, Netherlands, 1560; **Jean-Antoine Watteau**, painter, Valenciennes, France, 1684; **Henry Cavendish**, physicist and chemist, Nice, 1731; **Benjamin West**, painter, Springfield, Pennsylvania, 1738; **Giuseppe Verdi**, Le Roncole, Italy, 1813; **Rufus Daniel Isaacs**, 1st Marquess of Reading, viceroy of India 1921-26, London, 1860; **Fridtjof Nansen**, explorer and statesman, Nobel Peace laureate 1922, Store-Fron, Norway, 1861; **Ivan Bunin**, poet and novelist (new style Oct 22), Voronezh, Russia, 1870; **William Morris**, 1st Viscount Nuffield, Worcester, 1877.

Deaths: **Fra Filippo Lippi**, painter, Spoleto, Italy, 1469; **Sir Cyril Burt**, psychologist, London, 1971.

Following the eruption of a volcano, the population of Tristan da Cunha left the island, 1961.



Portfolio – how to play

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The above instructions are applicable to both daily and weekly dividend claims.

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● The wording of Rules 2 and 3 has been expanded from earlier versions for clarification purposes. The Game itself is not affected and will continue to be played in exactly the same way as before.

Weather

A trough of low pressure will cross Scotland from the West.

6 am to midnight

London, SE, central S England, East Anglia, E Midlands: Rather cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle; wind light; max temp 18C (64F).

E, central N England, W Midlands, S, N Wales: Sunny intervals at first, cloudy later, occasional rain; wind SW, moderate; max temp 16C (61F).

Channel Islands, SW England: Cloudy, occasional rain or drizzle, coastal fog; wind SW, light; max temp 17C (63F).

NW, NE England, Lake District: Becoming cloudy, occasional rain later; wind SW to W, fresh; max temp 15C (59F).

Isle of Man, Borders, Edinburgh, Dundee, Aberdeen, SW, NE Scotland, Glasgow, Central Highlands, Moray Firth, Orkney, Shetland, Northern Ireland: Becoming cloudy, occasional rain, sunny or clear intervals and scattered showers; wind SW to W, fresh or strong; max temp 14C (57F).

Argyll, NW Scotland: Cloudy, occasional rain, later sunny or clear intervals, heavy showers; wind SW to W strong, locally gale; max temp 13C (55F).

Outlook for tomorrow and Friday: Changeable with rain at times but also drier, brighter intervals; near normal temperatures.

SEA PASSAGES: S North Sea: Wind S W moderate increasing fresh or strong; occasional drizzle; visibility moderate or good; sea slight increasing moderate or rough. Straits of Dover, English Channel (E): Wind variable mainly S W light or moderate; occasional drizzle; visibility moderate with fog patches; sea slight. St George's Channel: Wind S W moderate increasing fresh; occasional rain later; visibility good; sea slight increasing moderate. Irish Sea: Wind S W fresh or strong; rain later; visibility good; sea moderate or rough.

Sun rises: 7.16 am	Sun sets: 6.18 pm
Moon sets: 7.28 am	Moon rises: 6.45 pm

Full Moon: 12.58 am.

Lighting-up time

London 6.48 pm to 6.48 am
Bristol 6.58 pm to 6.48 am
Edinburgh 6.55 pm to 7.06 am
Manchester 6.54 pm to 6.59 am
Penzance 7.11 pm to 7.08 am

Yesterday

Temperatures at midday yesterday: c, cloud; f, fair; r, rain; s, sun.

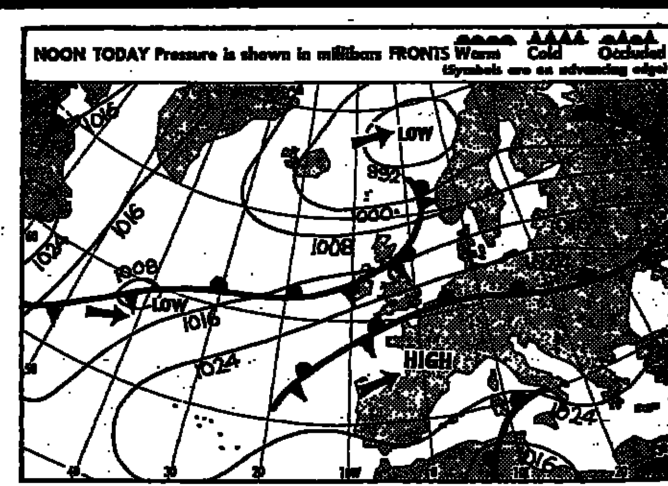
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Belfast	f	13	55	Guernsey	dr	15	59
Birmingham	f	16	61	Inverness	f	13	55
Blackpool	f	13	55	Jersey	dr	15	59
Bristol	c	16	61	London	f	17	63
Cardiff	c	16	61	Manchester	c	14	57
Edinburgh	c	12	54	Newcastle	f	14	57
Glasgow	r	13	55	Ronaldsway	s	13	55

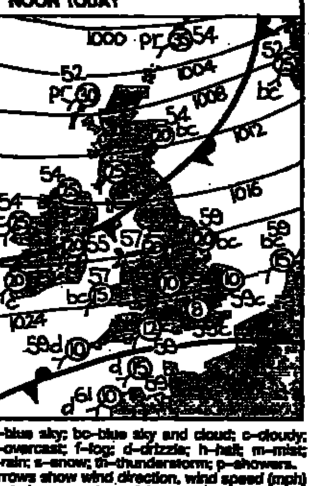
London

Yesterday: Temp: max 6 am to 6 pm, 18C (64F); min 6 pm to 6 am, 15C (59F). Humidity: 6 pm, 72 per cent. Rain: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.05in. Sun: 24hr to 6 pm, 0.5hr. Bar, mean sea level, 6 pm, 1,024.2 millibars, rising.
1,000 millibars = 29.53in.

Highest and lowest

Yesterday: Highest day temp: Southsea, 20C (68F); lowest day max: Cape Wrath, 10C (50F); highest rainfall: Newquay, 0.58 in; highest sunshine: Newcastle, 8.6 hr





b–blue sky; bc–blue sky and cloud; c–cloudy; o–overcast; f–fog; d–drizzle; h–hail; m–mist; r–rain; s–snow; th–thunderstorm; p–showers. Arrows show wind direction, wind speed (mph) circled, temperatures fahrenheit.

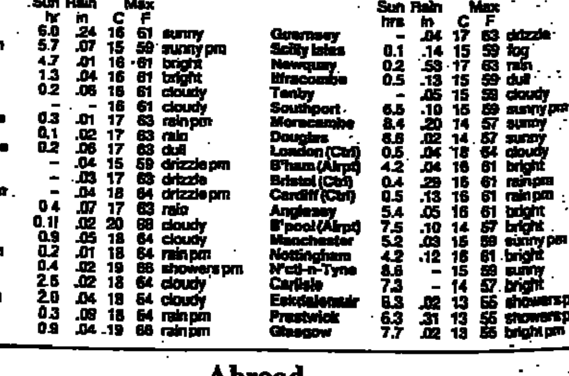
High tides

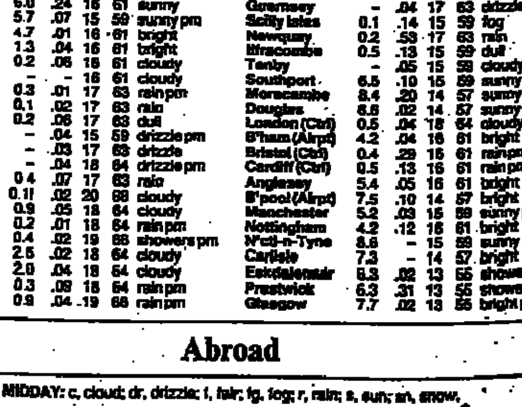
TODAY

	AM	HT	PM	HT
London Bridge	3.04	7.0	3.11	7.0
Aberdeen	2.07	4.2	2.40	4.1
Avonmouth	8.24	12.7	8.38	12.9
Belfast	–	–	12.13	3.2
Cardiff	8.09	11.7	8.23	11.9
Devonport	6.52	5.4	7.02	5.5
Dover	–	–	12.11	6.6
Falmouth	6.22	5.2	6.32	5.3
Glasgow	1.58	4.8	2.12	4.6
Harwich	12.56	3.9	1.03	3.9
Holyhead	11.28	5.3	11.35	5.6
Hull	7.19	7.4	7.46	7.2
Ilfracombe	7.03	8.8	7.18	9.0
Leith	3.34	5.3	4.02	5.3
Liverpool	12.08	9.3	12.25	9.1
Lowestoft	10.24	2.5	11.07	2.4
Margate	1.12	4.6	1.05	4.7
Milford Haven	7.21	6.8	7.35	6.9
Newquay	6.11	6.8	6.25	6.9
Oban	6.50	3.9	7.01	4.1
Penzance	5.48	5.5	5.57	5.6
Portland	8.17	2.2	8.28	2.2
Portsmouth	12.20	4.5	12.40	4.6
Shoreham	12.05	5.9	12.22	6.0
Southampton	–	–	12.10	4.5
Swansea	7.28	9.2	7.43	9.4
Tees	4.34	5.3	5.02	5.3
Walton-on-Naze	12.46	4.1	12.53	4.1

Tide measurement in metres: 1m=3.2808ft.

Around Britain





	Sun hr	Rain in	Max C	Max F			Sun hrs	Rain in	Max C	Max F	
Scarboro	6.0	.24	16	61	sunny	Guernsey	–	.04	17	63	drizzle
Bridlington	5.7	.07	15	59	sunny pm	Scilly Isles	0.1	.14	15	59	fog
Cromer	4.7	.01	16	61	bright	Newquay	0.2	.53	17	63	rain
Lowestoft	1.3	.04	16	61	bright	Ilfracombe	0.5	.13	15	59	dull
Clacton	0.2	.06	16	61	cloudy	Tenby	–	.05	15	59	cloudy
Margate	–	–	16	61	cloudy	Southport	6.5	.10	15	59	sunny pm
Folkestone	0.3	.01	17	63	rain pm	Morecambe	8.4	.20	14	57	sunny
Hastings	0.1	.02	17	63	rain	Douglas	8.6	.02	14	57	sunny
Eastbourne	0.2	.06	17	63	dull	London (Cntl)	0.5	.04	18	64	cloudy
Brighton	–	.04	15	59	drizzle pm	B'ham (Airpt)	4.2	.04	16	61	bright
Worthing	–	.03	17	63	drizzle	Bristol (Cntl)	0.4	.29	16	61	rain pm
Littlehmptn	–	.04	18	64	drizzle pm	Cardiff (Cntl)	0.5	.13	16	61	rain pm
BognorR	0.4	.07	17	63	rain	Anglesey	5.4	.05	16	61	bright
Southsea	0.1	.02	20	68	cloudy	B'pool (Airpt)	7.5	.10	14	57	bright
Shanklin	0.9	.05	18	64	cloudy	Manchester	5.2	.03	15	59	sunny pm
Bournemth	0.2	.01	18	64	rain pm	Nottingham	4.2	.12	16	61	bright
Poole	0.4	.02	19	66	showers pm	N'ctl-n-Tyne	8.6	–	15	59	sunny
Swanage	2.5	.02	18	64	cloudy	Carlisle	7.3	–	14	57	bright
Weymouth	2.0	.04	18	64	cloudy	Eskdalemuir	6.3	.02	13	55	showers pm
Exmouth	0.3	.08	18	64	rain pm	Prestwick	6.3	.31	13	55	showers pm
Torquay	0.9	.04	19	66	rain pm	Glasgow	7.7	.02	13	55	bright pm

Abroad

MIDDAY: c, cloud; dr, drizzle; f, fair; fg, fog; r, rain; s, sun; sn, snow.

		C	F			C	F			C	F			C	F
Ajaccio	s	20	68	Cologne	c	17	63	Majorca	f	20	68	Rome	s	22	72
Akrotiri	s	29	84	Copenhgn*	f	14	57	Malaga	s	22	72	Salzburg	f	15	59
Alexandria	s	29	84	Corfu	s	28	82	Malta	f	23	73	Sao Paulo*	c	19	66
Algiers*	c	17	63	Dublin	c	13	55	Melbourne	s	22	72	S Francisco*	c	19	66
Amsterdam	c	15	59	Dubrovnik	f	22	72	Mexico C*	s	20	68	Santiago*	s	19	66
Athens	s	28	82	Faro	s	23	73	Miami*	f	28	82	Seoul	s	22	72
Bahrain	s	34	93	Florence	s	23	73	Milan	s	18	64	Singapore	f	32	90
Barbados*	s	29	84	Frankfurt	c	17	63	Montreal*	s	16	61	Stockholm	f	13	55
Barcelona	f	20	68	Funchal	c	22	72	Moscow	c	11	52	Strasbourg	c	18	64
Beirut*	s	27	81	Geneva	s	16	61	Munich	c	16	61	Sydney	s	32	90
Belgrade	s	17	63	Gibraltar*	s	18	64	Nairobi	r	20	68	Tangier	s	24	75
Berlin	dr	14	57	Helsinki	c	9	48	Naples	f	20	68	Tel Aviv			
Bermuda*	r	24	75	Hongkong	f	29	84	New Delhi	s	32	90	Tenerife	s	24	75
Biarritz	s	18	64	Innsbruck	f	16	61	New York*	s	19	66	Tokyo	f	19	66
Boulogne	dr	15	59	Istanbul	c	23	73	Nice	s	21	70	Toronto	dr	14	57
Bordeaux	c	17	63	Jeddah	s	33	91	Oslo	s	13	55	Tunis	c	21	70
Brussels	dr	15	59	Jo'burg				Paris	c	17	63	Valencia	c	19	66
Budapest	c	16	61	Karachi				Peking	s	22	72	Vancouver*	r	15	59
Buen Aires*	c	21	70	Las Palmas	s	25	77	Perth	c	21	70	Venice	c	19	66
Cairo	s	33	91	Lisbon	c	22	72	Prague	c	14	57	Vienna	c	17	63
Cape Tn	s	25	77	Locarno	c	15	59	Reykjavik	f	3	37	Warsaw	r	12	54
C'blanca	s	19	66	L Angeles*	s	20	68	Rhodes	s	27	81	Washington			
Chicago*	f	21	70	Luxembg	dr	13	55	Riyadh	s	38	100	Wellington*	s	13	55
Ch'church*	f	13	55	Madrid	s	21	70	Rio de Jan	c	22	72	Zurich	s	17	63

* denotes Monday's figures are latest available